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Human smuggling case: The much-delayed trial of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt will begin Tuesday in Houston unless the Supreme

Court intervenes, a judge has ruled. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday denied a request from Tyrone Williams' attorneys to rehear allegations of racial bias in the case.

Williams is accused of driving the tractor-trailer that was abandoned in May 2003 at a truck stop. Seventeen immigrants were found dead inside the sealed trailer; two more died later.

Robert Blake trial: Actor Robert Blake was disappointed he couldn't get Bonny Lee Bakley out of his life but never asked that she be harmed, according to a man who said he tried unsuccessfully at Blake's behest to

have Bakley arrested. "He was upset that I hadn't been able to do what he wanted." Luis Mendoza testified Friday at Blake's murder trial. "He said his grandfather told him if you delegate things to people and they don't do them, you might as well do it yourself."

Andrea Yates conviction: Prosecutors want an appeals court to reconsider its order for a new trial for Andrea Yates, who was convicted of drowning her children in the family bathtub

In a motion filed Thursday, Harris County. Texas, prosecutors said a three-judge panel of the First Court of Appeals erred when it overturned Yates' capital murder convictions earlier this month

The panel sided with Yates' lawyers, who contended false testimony from a prosecu-tion expert witness contributed to her 2002 capital murder convictions for killing three of her children. She was sentenced to life in

Ray Charles' child support: The mother of Ray Charles' 17-year-old son drastically reduced her request for child support Friday, apologizing to a Los Angeles judge for previously seeking at least \$60,000 a month

Mary Anne den Bok had initially asked for \$3,000 a month for Corey Robinson den Bok, then demanded at least \$60,000 to pay for "the lifestyle he enjoyed" before his father's death June 10. On Friday, den Bok said she is now asking for \$12,000 to

The judge said he would rule at a hearing scheduled for Jan. 28

Los Alamos lab shutdown: One of the nation's leading nuclear weapons laboratories is ready to resume normal operations after security and safety lapses last summer forced a shutdown of hazardous, high-risk operations at the lab.

Los Alamos National Laboratory Director Pete Nanos told employees Wednesday it should "look like a normal day" at the New Mexico lab by Jan. 31, with "productive work proceeding without impediment.

'Morning-after' pill: The government has delayed a decision about whether to allow women to buy the so-called "morning-after" birth control pill over the counter but hopes to act soon, the manufacturer said Friday.

Backers of the pill have been seeking the federal action, arguing that easy access to the product, sold under the trade name Plan B. would prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies

Opponents argue that being able to obtain the product without a prescription could lead women, particularly young teens, to experiment with risky sex

Cuban boy lawsuits: A federal judge has set a Monday trial for the claims of a dozen people who said they were wrongly assaulted by federal officers during the raid that removed Elian Gonzalez from his family's home in Miami.

The plaintiffs say they were innocent bystanders who were gassed and beaten outside the home during the early-morning raid on April 22, 2000.

Elian was one of three survivors of a November 1999 shipwreck that killed his moth er and others fleeing Cuba. He was turned over to his Miami relatives while his custody situation was resolved. The raid took place after government officials said the family refused to return the boy so he could be taken back to his father in Cuba.

Business

Fannie Mae's reporting woes: Mortgage giant Fannie Mae is eliminating 2004 performance bonuses for 43 top executives, a move that will save the company millions of dollars, as it struggles to deal with major fi-

nancial reporting problems. The nation's biggest backer of home mortgages disclosed the move late Friday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It said its board of directors had voted this week to eliminate cash bonuses that would have been paid to top executives for hitting last year's performance goals.

War on terrorism

Gitmo prisoner abuse: The Navy's inspector general will review newly public documents regarding the treatment of prisoners held overseas to see if there is any call for an investigation, the Pentagon said Friday

Many of the documents were obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union and disclosed in December. Several are messages from FBI agents discussing what they described as improper treatment of suspected terrorists held at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz sought the review which will be conduct. ed by Vice Admiral Ronald Route.

U.S. Southern Command announced Jan. 5 it would investigate the allegations raised in those documents that pertain to Guantan-

World

Asian bird flu deaths: Vietnam on Saturday reported two more bird flu deaths, bringing the human toll to nine in three weeks, as leaders of the World Health Organization planned to discuss preparations for a possible global flu pandemic.

The United States submitted a special re-

quest to WHO's executive board asking it to discuss bird flu at its current meeting in Geneva. It stressed the importance of strengthening outbreak surveillance, producing a vaccine and formulating an international plan to prepare for a possible pandem-

Egyptian nuclear activities: U.N. nuclear inspectors toured an Egyptian laboratory during a review of the country's fuel programs prompted by irregularities in Egypt's reporting of its nuclear activities, a Western diplomat said Friday.

The diplomat said on the condition of anonymity that the tour by International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors was part of the agency's follow-up to revelations that Egypt had dabbled in uranium enrichment and had contemplated processing plutonium.

Inspectors would be going back on regular tours in the coming weeks, he said.

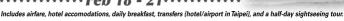
Big Brazilian baby: A baby born this week in northeastern Brazil weighing nearly 17 pounds is "doing great," hospital officials said Friday

Doctors at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, said Ademilton was being closely monitored by medical staff.

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Military begins to leave tsunami-striken region

U.S. ends mission in Thailand; Sri Lanka pullout begins

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

UTAPAO, Thailand - U.S. forces officially ended their relief mission to Thailand on Saturday. moving the few remaining operations to the control of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group at the U.S. Embassy, said Marine Lt. Col. Robert Krieg, a member of the combined support force planning team.

Command and control forces will remain at the headquarters in Utapao for the remainder of the dwindling mission, he added.

IIS forces also began the process to close down in Sri Lanka, a progression that should wrap up this week, Krieg said.

The overall mission to South Asia is being turned over to the United Nations, which will continue to operate with local governparticipating militaries and aid agencies

"We're turning (operations) over to them much faster than we thought they'd be ready for," Krieg said.

Also Saturday, Mai, Gen. David A. Deptula, commander of the joint forces air component from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, began a tour of the region to see the reconstruction and visit Air Force troops working there.

"We are seeing a rapid transition now in terms of the nations that originally requested aid and basically getting to the point where they can handle on their own the reconstruction efforts, Dentula said

At a stop at Utapao, the general said he was pleased with the success of the mission, including the rapid deployment of C-130s to the region and the airlift of supplies by other resources, including Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters in Sri Lanka.

"It is a testament to the preparedness and readiness of the PACAF forces," Deptula said of

Pacific Air Forces personnel. Many operations took place on landing strips in areas where U.S. troops haven't trained

before, he said In Sri Lanka, U.S. forces moved

146,000 pounds of food, 124,000 pounds of supplies and 8,500 gallons water, Krieg



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At a women's college in Galle, Seabees and engineers demolished two damaged buildings and moved 250 cubic yards of rubble to clear space for future construction. The groups also cleared debris at several schools and a Sri Lankan army base, Krieg said.

"We've seen an immediate effect through our efforts," said Lt. Jorge Cuadros, the Air Detachment officer-in-charge of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 7. from Guam, in a written release Within two days of clearing the demolished schools, children were back to their classes learning."

Two Pave Hawk helicopters working out of the airport at Colombo returned to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, last week, The final aircraft will follow in the coming days. In Indonesia, the last area for

U.S. relief efforts, military personnel continued airlifting supplies into remote areas. Krieg said.

Indonesian officials reopened the damaged road between the main airport at Medan and Banda Aceh one of the hardest-hit areas on the island of Sumatra, relieving the airlift pressure on the

city's small airport. To further reduce traffic at the crowded Banda Aceh airport, U.S. aircraft began flying into an airfield on Sambang, an island just off the coast. Air officials also began considering using an airfield near the city of Meulaboh, south of Banda Aceh. The worst devastation occurred between the two cities, Krieg said.

U.S. forces continue to evaluate roads and bridges and will provide their assessments to the Indonesian government and the United Nations. If asked, the United States could provide assistance with the projects, Krieg said.

As the mission wraps up in Indonesia, military leaders will gradually pull out U.S. assets. The first to leave likely will be the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Group which is nearly past its expected return date to home port. Delaying its return could cause problems with the carrier's future mission schedule, Krieg said.

"We're discussing plans right now about when we'll be done with the Lincoln," Krieg said. The remaining sea assets will

be the Sasebo, Japan-based ships USS Essex and USS Fort McHen-Helicopters from several ships will be consolidated on the



BENJAMIN D. GLASS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

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Lt. Cmdr. Robert Federal from the USS Abraham Lincoln stacks boxes of food Friday to be delivered to outlying towns around Banda Aceh on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. As military leaders begin to pull U.S. assets out of Indonesia, the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Group will likely be one of the first to leave

Essex and on LCACs (landing craft, air cushion) on the Fort McHenry The helicopters include: four

Navy MH-53 minesweeper Stallion helicopters; four H-60 Sea Hawk helicopters; and eight CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters from the Okinawa-based Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262

The landing crafts and aircraft will be used to transport aid from offshore logistics ships to the devastated areas

The Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy is en route to Indonesia should arrive in about a week, Krieg said. It will help with medical care and preventative medicine.

"Sanitation is more of a major issue right now than food and water," Krieg said. U.S. forces currently are moving about 115,000 pounds of relief sup-

plies and 7,000 gallons of water a day into Indonesia, Krieg said. Overall, the mission as of Saturday has moved 6.1 million pounds of relief supplies, not counting equipment, in support of the mis sion. Aircraft have evacuated 819 injured people, he said.

As the mission winds down, military leaders point out that it is more helpful if the local governments and United Nations can re build without reliance on outside assistance. The mission also is nast the critical period when massive supply airlifts are most need ed, they say. Supplies are well positioned in

the area; distribution — by local sources — is now key for the re-gion's future, said Col. Mark Schissler, commander of the Air Force forces forward and the expeditionary wing commander.

"The further from the crisis you get, you want to be more de liberate about how you distrib-ute," he said. "They need to be fed systematically. (And) you have to support local markets."

Orphanage visit puts human face on relief mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stare and Strings

PATTAYA, Thailand - Introductions were quick at the Pattaya Orphanage on Wednesday, when 31 U.S. servicemembers working with the Operation Unified Assis tance headquarters at Utapao spent several hours visiting orphans and disabled children.

Two dozen shopping bags filled with noodles, baby supplies and toys brought by visiting service-members were left at the entrance. From the rows of cribs inside, tiny infants took a position in the wel-coming arms of the Americans. On Thursday, a dozen other ser-

vicemembers built bookshelves and expanded a driveway at the nearby Baptist Camp and Mis-sion at Jomtien.

"People want to do something to help with the tsunami relief. said Air Force Chaplain Capt. Dominic Vitaliano, who organized the orphanage visit. "We want to

the base and give them another option to do something that's life-fulfilling. community-relations

projects provide respite from the daily grind and help foster good relations with local communities. Typical during deployments, they give servicemembers a chance to help others.

Many servicemembers in Utapao came to the region expecting to roll up their sleeves and get in-volved, clearing debris or helping to dig out remains. But the tsuna mi didn't affect the areas where they're working.

'When we first deployed, that's what I thought we'd be doing, said Staff Sgt. Crystal Burton, a chanlain's assistant from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, who visited the orphanage. "I wanted to be able to do a little good here. It's nice to be able to really feel like you're a part of helping

The projects are designed to



give those in the rear a chance to

"They may not be able to recognize just how important the job they're doing here is helping," said Navy Lt. Michael Peyton, chaplain for the 7th Communications Battalion from Okinawa who organized the project at the Baptist mission. "If we bring them back and show them the big Tech. Sgt. Gus ıman with 13th Air Force from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, holds an ornhan living at the Pattaya Orphanage during a visit Thursday by U.S. servicemembers working at Utapao. Thailand.

JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

picture, that kind of satisfies that frustration. It might help them feel a part of helping folks."

The trick, the chaplains say, is not eclinsing the overall relief

"The whole thing we're doing here in the theater is a communi ty-relations project," Peyton said. "We don't want to do anvthing with such high visibility that it takes away from the effect Both chaplains quickly found

places in need of help in and around Pattava, Vitaliano learned of the orphanage from a local priest. He visited the director and asked what was needed, then sent out a list to volunteers. Participants bought their own supplies. The projects are simple, but im-

portant to the hosts and partici-

"I wouldn't have passed this " said Tech. Sgt. Gus Caugh man with the 13th Air Force from Andersen Air Force Base Guam Someone would be crazy, I think, to not go out and try to help.

So many volunteers came for ward that some had to be turned away "It builds morale," Vitaliano

said. "(It) gives everyone an opportunity to do something good and see the local area."

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DOD offers benefits to shore up Special Ops

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Hoping to slow the hemorrhage of Special Operations servicemembers who are leaving their military jobs to accept lucrative commercial work, Pentagon officials have set aside \$168 mil-lion over three years — fiscal 2005 to 2007 for a commando benefits package

According to a story in Friday's Christian Science Monitor, senior Pentagon leaders approved the bonus package Dec. 22.

Some of the funds for the bonuses will come from the upcoming 2006 budget proposal, which Congress will have to approve later this year. David Chu, the Pentagon's under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, told the Monitor.

Other funds will come from the al-ready-approved fiscal 2005 defense supplemental budget.

Both junior and senior members of the Special Operations will benefit from the bonuses, according to the story, with lump-sum payments totalling as much as \$150,000 going to the most experienced individuals - operators with 19-years or more as part of the Army Green Berets and Delta Forces, the Navy SEALs, the Air Force pararescuemen and combat controllers. and other Special Forces troops.

"We are offering handsome rewards to agree to substantial service beyond 20 years. That's a new objective," Chu told the Monitor. "We're reaching a point ... where we're going to want more Special Operators to stay past 20 years of service than has been true historically, and particularly to be successful in the war on terror



A U.S. Navy SEAL takes aim during live fire training at Camp Roberts, Calif., in 2003. Pentagon officials have set aside \$168 million over three years to entice Special Ops members to remain in the military.

The total amount of the benefits will be \$168 million over three fiscal years, beginning in fiscal year 2005, which began last October, and lasting though fiscal 2007, which ends Oct. 1, 2007, according to Army Lt. Col. Joseph Richard, a Pentagon spokes-

There are about 49,000 members of the Special Operations community. The bonuses are intended only for those specifically designated as "operators," which generally includes those individuals who spend most of their time performing tactical operations, mostly in the field. Richard said.

Richard outlined some of the details of the package on Friday, although questions remain about when the benefits will begin and whether they will be retroactive.

Richard said that each service would "issue detailed implementing instructions in the near future.

According to the Dec. 22 memo approved

■ A critical skills retention bonus for all servicemembers in the rank of E-6 who have completed 19 years of service and who have a Special Operations military occupa-tional skills designator, and who are willing to sign an active-duty service agreement of

one to six years. The amount of the bonus depends on how long the person is willing to stay in the mili-tary. Individuals agreeing to stay for a one-year contract (and only members who have completed 24 years of service are eligible for this option) will get \$8,000. For two years, the bonus will be \$18,000; for three years, \$30,000; for four years, \$50,000; five years, \$75,000; and another six-year stint, \$150,000

■ A \$375 per month special-duty assignment pay for all special operators in ranks E-4 thru E-9. This payment will replace the special duty assignment pay that already exists for commandoes, which "was scattered all over," Richard said. The new benefit structure "makes it equal across the board," he said.

A \$750 monthly assignment incentive

pay for Special Operations enlisted mem-bers and warrant officers with more than 25 years of service, whom Special Operations Command leaders have formally designated as "operators." and who agree to serve a

minimum of an additional year. ■ A "critical" designation for Army and Navy warrant officers with a SOF military occupational skills designator, which means their respective services may offer up to \$60,000 in accessions bonus in order to attract more warrant officers

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Navy raising standards, training fewer to be pilots

PENSACOLA, Fla. - The Navy is cutting back pilot training because of high retention and low attrition rates and the looming retirement of some aircraft, including the last of its F-14 Tomcat fighters of "Top Gun" fame, officials said Friday. About 160 fewer pilots will be

trained this year, a 13 percent reapproximately from 1,200 student aviators who usually win their wings each year, said the Naval Air Training Command in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The reduction will be obtained by increasing standards, starting with aviation preflight indoctrination, a ground school student aviators attend at Pensacola Naval Air Station before advancing to flight training.

If those changes fail to weed out enough students, higher standards may be applied in various phases of flight training.

out," Lyon said. "At the same time they are going to have to work harder if they are borderline '

Students who fail to meet the new standards may be able to stay in flight training by transferring to the Naval Reserve or Marine Corps. They also have the option of remaining in the Navy in non-pilot positions.

The Navy also is taking steps to control the number of students en-

U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; college ROTC units and the Officer Candidate School at

One reason the Navy needs fewer new pilots is that it is phasing out the Tomcat and S-3 Viking anti-submarine aircraft. Also, the Navy recently decommissioned two squadrons of EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare planes. The Tomcats are being replaced by F/A-18E and F/A-18F Super Hor-

More veteran pilots also are staying in the Navy while attrition among student aviators has been very low, Lyon said.

Figures from the 2002 fiscal year show only 2 percent failed in ground school, 12.8 percent in primary flight training, 15 to 16 percent in advanced strike training, 0.2 percent in multiengine training and 0.8 percent in helicopter training. About half of the Navy's pilots fly helicopters.

Water fitness instructors

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Community members interested in becoming certified water aerobics instructors now have an opportunity to A Water Fitness Instructor Course sanctioned

by the U.S. Water Fitness Association will be offered March 5 at the base natatorium, which is seeking certified teachers The course fee is \$189, and participants must provide proof of CPR certification during regis-

Those lacking that qualification but still interested in the class may obtain CPR credentials before signing up. The deadline to register is Friday at the natatorium.

Contact Justina Jensen at DSN 225-6133 for more information

Guam command change

tration.

The 13th Air Force is conducting a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday.

Mai. Gen. Dennis Larsen will turn over the leadership post to Maj. Gen. Edward Rice Jr. at 9 a.m. in Hangar One on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Gen. Paul Hester, the Pacific Air Forces commander, is scheduled to preside over the

Free lunch buffet for Mich, residents

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Michigan residents who show their state driver's licenses receive a complimentary Mexican lunch buffet on Wednesday at the Yokota Enlisted Club. The offer is available to club members only.

Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

Auto Skills Center closed

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The Auto Skills Center will be closed until 2 p.m. Sunday for a special event, officials said. Business hours that day

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Iraq pledges to protect voters

By MARIAM FAM The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government pledged Sat-urday it would do everything in its power to protect voters from insurgent attacks during this month's national elections, as militants announced they'd killed 15 captive Iraqi National Guardsmen for cooperating with the Americans.

erating with the Americans. Eight other Iraqi guardsmen and one Iraqi civilian were injured Saturday when a suicide bomber deto-nated an explosive belt near the gate of a military camp near Hillah, Iraqi office said.

Guerrillas in the northern city of Mosul blasted a building to be used as a polling station with machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire Saturday, injur-ing one civilian, a hospital official said. In Baghdad, the interior minister announced fur-

ther security measures for the Jan. 30 balloting, in which Iraqis will choose a new 275-member Nation-

The minister, Falah al-Nagib, confirmed that Baghdad's international airport would be closed for three days starting on the eve of the balloting. The nighttime curfew in Baghdad and other cities will be extended and restrictions imposed on private vehicles to guard against car bombs, he added.

Al-Nagib told reporters all leaves and passes for police and military forces had been canceled for the election period and that further measures would be announced closer to voting day

The minister did not play down the gravity of the security threat, nor the difficulties facing this country in organizing and conducting a nationwide election in the midst of a virulent insurgency.

"There are dangers and there are threats to throv the elections process into chaos, but we hope that our security plan will be up to the standards. We don't rule out an escalation from the terrorist forc-

No comment on al-Zargawi arrest rumors, official says

BAGHDAD - Iraq's interior minister on Saturday refused to comment on rumors that the top terror leader in the country had been taken into custody.

"I wouldn't like to comment for the time being," Interior Min-ister Falah al-Naqib said when asked about rumors that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had been arrested. "Let's see. Maybe in the next few days we will make a comment about it."

Pressing him, a reporter asked. "Does that mean he is in

"No comment," the minister repeated.

followed an interview aired on an Arab television station earlier this month in which a Saudi man arrested for a deadly truck bombing claimed that he heard from er insurgents that al-Zarqawi had been arrested by Iraqi police in Fallujah but released because

authorities didn't recognize him. Al-Zarqawi, the leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate, has claimed responsibility for numerous kidnap pings and the beheadings of sev-eral foreigners, including Americans. His group, al-Qaida in Iraq, also has carried out many other bombing and shooting attacks on



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Fugitive may be link in 9/11, Madrid attacks

BY KATHERINE SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — International counterterrorism authorities are looking for a Moroccan fugitive who may have attended a pivotal meeting with the Sept. 11 plotters and is believed to have played a logistical role in the train bombings last year in Madrid. Soain.

Madrid, Spain.

The fugitive, Amer Azizi, appears to connect a group of terror operatives and may exemplify al-Qaida's decentralization—a trend about which U.S. intelligence officials have warned.

Moroccan suspected of ties to planners of both

New information from federal authorities indicates Azizi may have provided lodging to people involved in the backpack bombings of the Spanish commuter trains, according to U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

One of the U.S. officials also said Azizi may have met with two Sept. 11 plotters — hijacker Mohamed Atta and coordinator Ramzi Binalshibh — in Spain in July 2001. Investigators are trying to determine Azizi's involvement in the meeting.

A Spanish judge has indicted Azizi on charges related to the 2001 attacks, including his role in providing lodging to the conspirators. According to the Sept. 11 Commission's final report, Binalshibh said during interrogation that he and Atta met with no one else during roughly 10 days in the Tarragona region of Spain.

Counterterrorism authorities are looking at Azizi, who may use the alias Othman al Andulusi, as a possible link in the attacks, the U.S. official said.

The 2001 meeting is considered an important planning session. Atta and Binalshibh discussed the timing of the attacks, whether to target the White House or other American icons and whether to use box cutters as weapons.

While al-Qaida has taken responsibility for the strikes against the United States, U.S. government officials say the Madrid attack appears to have been carried out by a group that shares al-Qaida's mind-set.

shares al-Qatda's mind-set. The possibility of ties to Osama bin Laden's network illustrates why U.S. intelligence leaders have warned in recent months that al-Qaida may be transforming itself from a once-consolidated network largely based in Afghanistan to a loca coalition of extremists around the globe.

Execution riles Austrian

VIENNA, Austria — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger should be stripped of citizenship in his native Austria for approving the execution of a convicted killer, a leading Austrian politician said Saturday.

Peter Pilz, top official from the environmentalist Green party, said Schwarzenegger broke the law in Austria — where capital punishment is illegal — and is no longer worthy of citizenship because he allowed the execution of convicted killer Donald Beardslee to go ahead last week.

"Schwarzenegger is possibly the most prominent Austrian abroad, and he shapes the picture of Austria," Pilz said. "I don't want that picture shaped by someone who commits state murder. That does not correspond to the political culture of this country."

New helos for Singapore

SINGAPORE — Singapore has purchased six anti-submarine warfare helicopters from the United States, the city-state's Defense Ministry said Saturday.

The Sikorsky S-70B helicopters an export version of the U.S. Navy's SH-60B Seahawk choppers — will be based aboard six new frigates being built by a local company, Singapore Technologies Marine, with French technology, the ministry said.

Bill targets missiles

TOKYO — Japan is drafting a bill that would let military commanders order their units to shoot down an incoming missile before obtaining clearance from higher authorities, Defense Agency officials said Friday.

Japan has been investigating ways to counter threats from North Korea since the communist country test-fired a missile over Japan that crashed into the Pacific in 1998.

Current law requires the defense chief to get permission from the prime minister before giving orders to fire at an incoming missile, a process that could take longer than the 10 to 12 minutes needed for North Korean missiles to reach Japan.





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Snowstorm blankets Midwest, Northeast

BY JULIET WILLIAMS The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - A blustery snowstorm swept across the Midwest with windblown snow on Saturday, canceling hundreds of au-line flights and slowing highway travel, and it threatened to bury parts of the Northeast under more than a foot of flakes.

Storm warnings were posted from Wisconsin to New England, where the National Weather Service posted a blizzard warning in effect through Sunday. By midday, snow was falling from parts of Wisconsin and Illinois into Virginia and parts of the New England states

One man died after falling through ice on a pond in Ohio, where two others died of apparent heart attacks while removing

snow, authorities said Up to 18 inches of snow was forecast in northern New Jersey and accumulations of up to 20 inches were possible in parts of New England, the weather service said. A foot was likely in northern Ohio and some areas of the Midwest, such as southwestern Ohio, already had several inches on the ground from earlier storms

With up to 10 inches expected, Maryland school systems canceled Saturday activities, including SAT tests.

Highway departments readied fleets of plows and salt-spreading trucks, and some people rushed to stock up on supplies to ride out the storm at home

"I got a couple steaks, a couple jugs of wine and a couple good books," Walter Trogdash said as he left a convenience store in



Workers attempt to upright a tractor-trailer that overturned on westbound I-70 Saturday near Fredrick, Md. Toms River N.J. "I think I'm all

But for travelers, the storm caused frustrating delays

About 400 flights were can-Saturday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and dozens more were called off at the city's Midway Airport. More than 200 people stayed the night at the two airports because of flights canceled when the storm arrived there on Friday.

Flights that weren't canceled were delayed up to 90 minutes, with more delays and cancella-tions expected as the storm started creating problems at airports on the East Coast said Chicago Department of Aviation spokes-woman Annette Martinez.

Minnesota-based Northwest Airlines issued a weather waiver saving travelers booked on flights to 12 states in the Northeast and the District of Columbia could reschedule without having to pay penalties.

Northwest's home airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport had both of its main runways open Saturday after shutting them down one at a time Friday for plowing, said airport spokesman Patrick Hogan. Air-lines canceled some 200 flights there Friday.

The storm spread a welcome layer of snow on snowmobile and

crosscountry ski trails in the upper Midwest, but it also caused blems for outdoor enthusiasts "It's great for morale and gets a lot of people interested in skiing, but a snowfall like that over the

weekend hurts our cash registers because people aren't getting in their cars and coming out here," general manager said John Shema, general manager of the Hidden Valley Resort in Vernon,

Up to a foot of snow had fallen in Wisconsin and Michigan, and wind gusted to more than 60 mph

Flu vaccine shortage is now surplus

BY ROB STEIN

WASHINGTON - The nation's flu vaccine shortage has turned into a surplus, with nearly 5 million doses languish-ing in the federal govern-ment's hastily purchased stock-

pile, officials said Friday. With demand dwindling, it appears likely that instead of running out of shots this year, the government will end up discarding unused vaccine, they said.

In response to the surprising turnaround, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is poised to drop the remaining restric-tions on who should get the shots, a move already taken by at least 17 states, in a last-ditch effort to minimize the amount of wasted vaccine. New York took that step Friday

In addition, federal and state officials have launched a campaign to convince more people to get vaccinated, especially those at highest risk from the flu, before the peak of the sea-son hits, probably within in the next month or two.

"We're trying to get that message out the disease hasn't peaked and there's still time, said Jeanne Santoli of the CDC's National Immunization Program. "It's not too late to protect yourself."

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Roe v. Wade debate lively after 32 years

BY DAVID CRARY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coming just two days after President Bush's inauguration, Saturday's aniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion is dominated by the hopes of one side — and fears of the other — that the president will try to overturn Roe v. Wade through appointments to fill expected high

court vacancies.

Anti-abortion activists were among the legions of Bush supporters converging on Washington in the past few days, and most will remain for Monday's annual March for Life.

Though Bush is widely admired within the
movement, some of its militants still question
his commitment to reversing the 32-year-old
decision.

"President Bush has an ethical obligation to protect the unborn, and he has a political debt of honor to those who put him in office," said Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue. "His staff must thoroughly investigate any possible appointee, and if they are not unalterably committed to overturning Roe v. Wade, they must be dismissed from consideration."

Anti-abortion lawmakers in Congress and several states, meanwhile, are introducing the latest in a wave of measures aimed at making it more daunting to obtain an abortion. The bills would require abortion providers to tell

women 20 weeks or more pregnant that an abortion could cause pain to their fetus, and to offer anesthesia administered directly to the

Abortion-rights supporters, simultaneously apprehensive and determined, are engaging in postelection reassessments, some of the wondering openly if their rhetoric and strategies should be modified to better compete for

public support.
Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice, is suggesting there is little to be gained — in the court of public opinion — by opposing the notion that a fetus represents some form of human life. She proposes "a new pro-choice discourse" that would acknowledge both women's rights and respect for fetal

"Abortion is a serious matter; it is a woman's right and no woman needs to apologize for making this decision," Kissling wrote recently. "On the other hand, no woman needs to brag about her choice, and the decision of one pro-choice organization to sell T-shirts announcing 'I had an abortion' was in poor taste."

She says the legislation provides abortion-rights supporters with a chance to show they do value fetal life. She objects to the federal bill, saying it requires doctors to follow a cript that is insensitive to women, but she supports the concept of offering fetal anesthe-

sia in appropriate circumstances.

"Abortion should be a humane and compas-



From left, Sharon Turner of Germantown, Md., and Alveda King of Atlanta, a niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., take part in an anti-abortion demonstration Friday outside the

sionate procedure," she wrote in the latest edition of her organization's journal.

Supreme Court in Washington.

Dave Andrusko of the National Right to Life Committee accused Kissling of "Alice in Wonderland" reasoning. You can't concede that a fetus is human, and then say it's allowable to destroy it, he argues.

'Roe' asks court to reverse ruling

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The woman once known as "Jane Roe" has asked the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion 32 years ago.

Norma McCorvey, whose protest of Texas' abortion ban led to the 1973 ruling, contends in a petition received at the court Tuesday that the case should be heard again in light of evidence that the procedure may harm women.

"Now we know so much more, and I plead with the court to listen for witnesses and re-evaluate Roe v. Wade," said McCorvey, who says she now regrets her role in the

case.

Two lower courts last year threw out McCorvey's request to have the ruling reconsid-

Bush names old colleague ambassador to Japan

WASHINGTON — President Bush is naming a former fellow investor in the Texas Rangers baseball team, J. Thomas Schieffer, to be the U.S. ambassador to Japan, the White House announced Friday.

Schieffer, the U.S. ambassador to Australia and brother of Bob Schieffer of CBS News, was a member of the investment group that bought the Rangers in 1989 and was president of the baseball team while Bush was a part owner. He also was a Dallas attorney with a portfolio centering on oil and gas companies and, a Democrat, served three terms in the Texas House.

Former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, a Tennessee Republican, announced in December he was leaving the post in February.

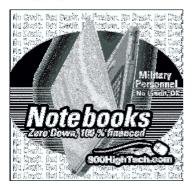
Judge orders Cuba to pay pilot \$1.75 million

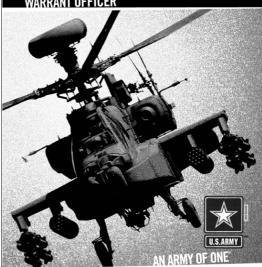
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A federal judge ordered Cuba on Friday to pay \$1.75 million to a Miami pilot who survived a midair attack by Cuban MiGs over the Florida Straits in 1996.

The pilot, Jose Basulto, evaded the jets and was able to fly home, but was traumatized by the knowledge that two other planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue had been downed, killing the four people aboard, said U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra.

It was unclear when Basulto would be able to collect the money from the Cuban government, which sent no one to court to defend against the lawsuit.

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Federal agents: Tip about 'dirty bomb' likely a hoax

BY KNUT ROYCE Newsday (LATWP)

WASHINGTON agents believe that the tip Monday that prompted a hunt for 13 Chinese nationals who allegedly planned to explode a nuclear device in Boston is a hoax, law enforcement and counterterrorism sources said Friday.

They said it appears the tipster who refused to identify himself to the FBI or the California Highway Patrol, which got the call Monday night - may have acted out of vengeance because the Chi-

Octuplets' mom becomes U.S. citizen

HOUSTON - The only woman known to have de-

Nkem Chukwu and more than 2,500 other Hous-

livered eight living babies from one pregnancy is

nese, who they believe were smuggled across the border from Mexico, reneged on payment.

"It's obviously a human smug-gling operation," said a Home-land Security source. "That's what it looks like. They got flights out of China. They came to Mexico and then they were brought up [to the border] and apparently were smuggled over. Then somebody gave them up.

counterterrorism official who was briefed by the FBI Friday said, "The prevailing theory is that it's revenge. Somebody didn't get paid off.

Security was beefed up in Bos-ton by adding patrols at the airport, activating radiation detectors and posting pictures of four of the suspects in subways and underground garages.

A senior federal law enforcement official in Roston said the counterterrorism task force there gets "a couple dozen of these leads a week ... This one developed a life of its own because it hit the evening news just before the inauguration and there was the buzzword, nuclear." An FBI official said none of the 13 Chinese had been picked un.

a naturalization ceremony this week

Chukwu, a native of Nigeria, gained worldwide at-

tention after giving birth to eight babies in Decem-

ber 1998. The smallest baby died after one week,

but the other five girls and two boys have grown up

without complications and are now 6 years old.



eople gather for a candlelight memorial service at the Wal-Mart in Tyler, Texas, where Megan Leann Holden was abducted Wednesday.

Body of abducted clerk found on Texas roadside

BY JAMIE STENGLE The Associated Press

TYLER, Texas - The surveillance camera cantured the crime in chilling detail: A college student punches out after her night as a clerk at a Texas shift Wal-Mart

and walks to her ward truck in the parking lot. Suddenly

she is attacked by a shadowy figure in a long. coa and kid On Friday.

19-year-old Megan Leann Holden was found shot to death in a ditch near Stanton in West Texas, about 380 miles west of Tyler, where she had been abducted. Evidence at the scene indicated she was shot and killed where her body was dumped, and an investigator said she was partially clothed

said she was killed at the Police hands of a man who went on a multistate crime spree before he turned up Friday at an Arizona hospital with a gunshot wound.

The suspect, Johnny Lee Williams, 24, was being held on a \$1 million bond on an aggravated kidnapping charge from Texas authorities said, adding that Williams was driving the woman's pickup truck, which was parked

outside the hospital. Police said the apparent abductor - a man in a long, dark coat - was seen loitering around the front entrance of the store "for a good period of time," Tyler police spokesman Don Martin said

The tape later shows Holden getting into her truck just before midnight and the man "running up behind her and either hitting her or pushing her," Martin said.

Police said Williams, a preach-er's son who was discharged last year after four years as a Marine, was arrested last month in Tyler on a cocaine possession charge. He was released the same day on \$2,000 bond.

"Something happened to my son," the suspect's mother, Pat Williams, told Dallas television station KDFW, saving he had trouble adjusting to civilian life after serving in Iraq. "Some of the things that he endured I may never know. But it changed who he is and for that I'm sorry

As word spread of the Tyler Junior College student's death, about 100 people sang "Amazing Grace" and prayed during a can-dlelight vigil held outside the



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Hilton allegedly steals own sex tape

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Hotel heiress and television personality Paris Hilton could face petty theft charges in connection with the alleged theft of a DVD from a West Hollywood newsstand, according to the Los Angeles County Sher-

iff's Department. Sheriff's detectives are investigating a Dec. 15 incident in which Hilton visited the Swing News newsstand on Sunset Boulevard and allegedly spotted a sex tape DVD that featured her and a former boyfriend. Hilton, who has said that she never wanted the tane to become public alleged. ly became enraged and grabbed

the DVD, authorities said "According to the manager, she she wasn't paying," said sheriff's Detective Vivian May. "When the manager pointed out that the stand also carried a framed post-er featuring the cover of the DVD, Ms. Hilton shouted to two men parked in a vehicle in front of the business. The men got out of the vehicle and one walked over to the poster and pulled it from the frame

Portions of the exchange were captured on a surveillance video. Images from those tapes recent-ly were posted on the Web site for

the television show "Celebrity The Sheriff's Department said it referred the case to prosecutors

Thursday, but a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district at torney's office said officials have yet to be presented evidence in the matter

Cosby readies to fight charges

PHILADELPHIA - Entertainer Bill Cosby has hired an attor-ney to defend him against allegations that he drugged and then groped a woman last year at his Philadelphia-area home.

Lawyer Walter M. Phillips Jr. said Friday that Cosby would vig-orously defend himself against the charge, which allegedly arose from an incident in January 2004.

"I can say that I've been re-tained by Mr. Cosby," said Phillips, a Philadelphia criminal defense lawyer

A law enforcement source said Friday night that the woman Cosby drugged her. claims touched her breasts and put her

genitals. When

bra was unthe source said. Last week. the woman

contacted

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gional Police

in Ontario,



earlier this week, the source said.

The woman, a former athletic de

They forwarded the complaint to Philadelphia police, who sent it to Cheltenham Township officers

David Brokaw, a spokesman for Cosby in Los Angeles, said Cosby had canceled appearances Friday night in Cleveland and Sunday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for "personal reasons." No other appearances

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Cosby hasn't spoken to police

about the complaint, Phillips



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Scam ads target Hispanics Draw on hidden

Trade group cracking down on phony credit cards

BY SANDRA HERNANDEZ

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

WESTON, Fla. - Elian Degen considered himself a prudent man, indulging in few luxuries since arriv-

ing in Florida two years ago. But when Degen saw a Spanish-language television ad promising a Pro-Line credit card to viewers without previous credit histories or Social Security num-

bers, the 52-year-old Venezuelan paid close attention. He dialed the telephone number on the screen and applied. But within minutes of hanging up the phone Degen felt uneasy. He called back to cancel and his blems began: telephone callers threatened him with prosecution unless he sent them the \$299 processing fee. Like thousands of Hispanics across the United States, Degen found himself caught in a scam. Until recently, many of these frauds went unre-ported and undetected by the Federal Trade Commission despite boldly placed ads on Spanish-lan-guage television networks and radio stations.

But the Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on the growing number of schemes targeting Latinos, which range from advance fee cards to inef-fective weight-loss programs. Last year, the FTC filed cases against 19 companies, with at least five filed in Florida and California, including the Miami-based Pro-line company that nearly duped Degen, according to officials.

"This is really a recognition that we had to do some-thing because Hispanics make up a sizeable share of consumers and they are being targeted," said Laura Koss, the coordinator for the FTC's Hispanic initia-tive. "This is a recognition that Hispanics' buying power is growing and [of] the growth of the advertis-

ing dollars put into the Hispanic market."
In addition to filing federal court complaints, the agency recently began running Spanish-language public service announcements, as well as working with community groups to warn consumers against

The agency also has started monitoring Snanish broadcasts and filing complaints with a national da tabase used by law enforcement, said Koss.

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Such scams are not new and also exist in English but officials insist those targeting Hispanics in Spanish often show more hubris

"Most of the English-language scams may advertise late at night on some small local cable station, but the calls we got indicated these Pro-Line ads and others are being run on major stations and networks," said Brodie White, of the Better Business Bureau's West Palm Beach County office. "I started to see an increase [in complaints] and realized these were old-school scams that were being directed at a new market.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel was unable to ach the Spanish-language networks Telemundo or Univision for a comment

White's office, which oversees complaints from Vero Beach, Fla., to Puerto Rico, logged 168 com-plaints and more than 1,000 inquiries against Pro-line Card and its affiliates, La Familia Group and Call Center Express. Officials said the affiliates ran the same advance-fee credit card scam. Degen eventually reported the company to the Better Business Bureau and the calls stopped.

In the case filed in September against Pro-Line and six individuals in federal court in Miami, the FTC alleged the company engaged in deceptive trade practices. Consumers were promised "unsecured major credit cards with credit limits ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500" if they called a toll-free number.

Callers were then told they were approved and instructed to send money orders ranging from \$149 to \$299. A few days later, some people received a plastic card that resembled a credit card but allowed them only to make purchases out of a catalogue, according to court papers.

In addition, consumers were unable to get refunds An FTC survey released last year found Hispan-s were nearly twice as likely as non-Hispanic ics were nearly whites to be victims of fraud. While 6 percent of the whites had been defrauded, 12 percent of the His-panics had been bilked. While the study offered no explanation, some experts suggest immigration status and language may spur con artists to focus on

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my laptop, they would have everything. How can I protect my infor-

mation stored on my lanton? - Tom Connolly @sbcglobal.net whole area of data encryption can be like treading on thin ice with polar bear. Computer technology lets us reduce data into encrypted form so powerful that even banks supercomputers

or supercomputers running around the clock can't crack them. Forget the password and you are finger food for the polar bears.

Far too many people sharing our concern have used hard-drive encryption schemes only to forget or jumble their pass-

words and wind up get-ting locked out of their own data. Many found their computer unusable in the process because it needed a password to start up. Beyond human memory issues, trusting anything as unstable as a Windows-based computer with software that can encrypt data beyond the Pentagon's reach is ill-ad-

vised. Most agree that the best solution is to use some kind of software

that creates a special and heavily encrypted folder that holds all sen sitive stuff but doesn't cloak the entire machine. Among the most popular of these programs is the \$90 BestCrypt program from Jetico Inc. With the software running, your computer's operating system and anything you care to keep pub-lic remains accessible, while the secret stuff is locked with leading-edge encryption.

Many of us can get by using sim-pler techniques. Consider getting software like WinZip that includes near-Pentagon-proof encryption. as well as the ability to compress files to save drive space. Try a trial download at WinZip.com.

Contact Jim Coates via e-mail at jcoates@tribune.com or via snail mail at the Chicago Tribune, Room 400, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60611. Questions can be answered only through this in. Add your point of view at



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NEW YORK - Filing your taxes via the Internet just got a little easier. The IRS has made 15 free tax-preparation programs available to consumers through its Free File site.

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For these programs, you may need to provide the following information to determine if you qualify for free services; your age

ble), adjusted gross income, state of residence, W-2, your eligibility to file under the 1040EZ or 1040A, your eligibility for an earned income tax credit, and military status. The IRS does not endorse any specific program; however, it has tested each for security and accuracy.

If you choose to e-file, look beyond how much a service costs. If vou already use money-manage ment software, you might try to find a Free File program that will allow you to use those data. For file-for-free programs, visit www.irs.gov. If you're not sure which program best fits your eligibility, visit the Free File site: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/ 0,,id118986,00.html.

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews		60 Minutes (CC)			loving On" The team or who disappeared		- 11:00AM" Jack ghter as leverage to	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	With Jay Leno (CC)	
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Aladdin "Web of Fear" (CC)	ChalkZone (EI) (CC)
8	NEWS	Bulls and Bears (CC)	Cavuto on Busi- ness (CC)	Fox and Friends Fi	irst	Dateline NBC (CC)		Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) College Ba olina State at Maryla	sketball North Car- and. (Taped)	College Gamenight	SportsCenter	•		ONFL Football NFC	Championship Te	ams TBA. (Taped)		•	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons A neighbor meets an	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray's a	The Dead Zone "Co tacks prevent Johnn	ollision" Panic at- ly from using his	search for a murder		ster 3" The crew ma	"32 Hi-Boy Road- ikes radical moves to	and Monica run	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine are godpar-	pears on "Today."	Blind Date (CC)
	AFN-FAM	untimely death. Fairly Oddparents	drama queen. Rugrats (CC)	powers. (CC) Lizzie McGuire	Taina	man's last customer Smallville "Tempest		finish the hot rod or Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	into Richard. (CC) The Cosby Show	ents. (CC) Home Improve.	(CC) Touched by an An	gel (CC)
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14	TMC	Wong. The young D	alai Lama teaches hi	The NewsHour Wit	strian. 'PG-13' (CC)	Leslie Stefanson. Pr comes involved in a	remiere. A burned-ou robbery. 'R' (CC)	t police officer be-	Doc Holliday battle	he Clanton gang. 'R'	(CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (
24	PBS	elfin prankster steals voices. (EI) (4:30) ***: "The	(DVS)	(CC)		Minn.; Babe Ruth w Marilyn Monroe pho	atch; autographed itos. (N)	from 1963-1968. (C	C) (DVS)				
25	SHOW	demption" (1994, E Morgan Freeman. F	ď	Bridges. A mad Inst	(1994, Suspense) Je bomber plots reven			Sanz, Roselyn San booked on an all-ga	chez. Two heterosexu y cruise. 'R' (CC)	al pals become	a producer and his		. Disaster strikes for
27	A&E	City Confidential "L Jackpot" Larry Volk i confessing to "fixing	is murdered after "slot machines.	salesman is accuse ters. (CC)	d of killing Texas sis-	Airline An elderly woman may miss her plane. (CC)	Airline "Live and Let Fly" (N) (CC)	The boys go to the Hamptons. (N)	Growing Up Gotti The boys go to the Hamptons. (N)	Caesars 24/7 (Serion fight erupts betwoeld the same continued to t	een two women in	Crossing Jordan " photo prompts Mac co in pursuit of a fu	y to depart for Mexi-
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		Age of Terror		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC		Star Circle Quest	Tanging Ina		(:05) Insider	The Corresponder		Kumikitang Kabuh Ayan	Morning Star	(:40) Mtb, Ang Say	a Saya	
30	CNN-I	CNN Presents: Cla		CNN Daybreak				American Morning					
31	GOLF	•(4:30) European F African Airways Ope		•Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Golf Central	 Golf Channel Academy 	Playing Lessons From the Pros
32	TLC	Plastic Surgery Be Little Girl" Dr. Hande one 30 years his jur	verly Hills "Daddy's el is marrying some- nior. (N)	10 Years Younger Updating Kim's ap- pearance. (N)	10 Years Younger Cancer survivor's makeover. (CC)	Amazing Medical S Chances' Woman si thromboembolic dise	Stories "Second uffering chronic	Plastic Surgery Be Little Girl" Dr. Hande one 30 years his jur	verly Hills "Daddy's al is marrying some-	10 Years Younger Updating Kim's ap- pearance.	10 Years Younger Cancer survivor's makeover. (CC)	In a Fix "Romantic proposal and impro	Bungalow' Marriage vernents. (CC)
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	Pet Star Dancing da go ice fishing. (N) (C	achshund; rats that CC)	Animal Cops Detro pies with heatstroke	oit "Heat Wave" Pup- . (CC)	Pet Star Drag-racing crawling bull.	g dog; chatty bird;	Pet Star Dancing d go ice fishing. (CC)	achshund; rats that	Animal Cops Detro pies with heatstroke	oit "Heat Wave" Pup- L (CC)	The Most Extreme vampire bats. (CC)	"Biters" Mosquitos;
36	сом	Reno 911! The deputies go under- cover. (CC)	South Park Kids set up to get chick- enpox. (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Health" Larry the Spider Guy. (CC)	Reno 911! Junior's accidental mar- riage. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart John Grisham, (N)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Howard Zinn. (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Health" Larry the Spider Guy. (CC)	Reno 911! Junior's accidental mar- riage. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart John Grisham.	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Howard Zinn. (CC)	Gerhard Reinke's Wanderlust The Emerald Isle. (CC)	Gerhard Reinke's Wanderlust Marx- ist guerillas. (CC)
40	NGC-A	Planet Wild	Feast of the Giant Sharks	Snake Wranglers Black tiger snake.	Croc Chronicles "The Reluctant Warrior"	Wonders of the Se		Jane Goodall: Chir		Big Cat Challenge		Totally Wild "Bat Eats Bat"	Totally Wild Scor- pions duel.
42	SPIKE	•WWE Raw Schedi	uled: results from "Ne	w Year's Revolution."		(:05) World's Most	Amazing Videos	World's Wildest Po	lice Videos (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Shipmates	Maximum Exposu form stupid stunts a	e People who per- nd asinine antics.
43	FOX	That '70s Show Jackie's house catches fire. (CC)	That '70s Show Kelso, valedictorian hook up. (CC)	The Simpsons Bart's not-so-inno- cent girlfriend.	Seinfeld Elaine breaks up with her beau. (CC)	24 Jack creates a h monitor the trained of tracking. (N) (Part 2)	operative he's been	24 "Day 4: 10:00AM tinues to deal with t he created. (N) (CC	he hostage situation	News	Chargers Power Report		Seinfeld George poses as a marine biologist. (CC)
44	BET	(4:30) ** "The Fi (1991) Robert Town	ive Heartbeats"	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)			Top 10 Live "Top 10		Club Comic View E Grooms.	Darius Bradford; Kyle	106 & Park: BET's	
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Russel murder-suicide poin Harry Denby. (CC)	Ilmania" A couple's ts toward ex-cop	Cops A suspect snorts cocaine in men's room. (CC)	Cops Officer is nearly forced off the road. (CC)	Safety Challenge 2 ing" (N)	005 "Winter Warn-	Forensic Files Death of a man in a doctor's.	Forensic Files Alaskan murder	Psychic Detec- tives Multiple mur- ders suspected.	I, Detective Web connection in mur- der case. (N)	House of Clues	Fake Out
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)		Friends (CC)	That '70s Show Teens come of age in the 1970s	(:20) Everybody Loves Raymond		Becker (CC)	The Casino (CC)	our case. (14)	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)
50	LIFE	"Dawn Anna" (200 miere. A woman mu	5, Docudrama) Debra ist contend with her of	a Winger, Alex Van, S hild's death at Colum	Sam Howard. Pre- nbine. (CC)	How Clean Is Your House? "My Dating Dilemma"	How Clean Is Your House? "Funky	The Nanny Fran enters a beauty contest. (CC)	The Golden Girls The ladies become baby sitters.	The Division "Hear inspectors search to prisoners. (Part 1 of	or three escaped	Suddenly Susan Oliver can't say magic words. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	(5:00) ** "She Ge Wants" (2002, Com	nedy) Piper Perabo.	Brat Camp (N) (CC)	The 700 Club Tribut Reggie White. (N) (C		The Jamie Kennedy Experiment David	The Jamie Kennedy Experiment Loud cell	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club Tribu Reggie White. (N) (te to NFL player CC)
53	HIST	Jane McGregor, Tre 10 Days to D-Day 7 dinary people. (CC)	nt Ford. (CC) The success or failure	of the invasion rests	s on the efforts of or-	Sex in World War II Women of Honolulu	's red-light district	Schwimmer. UFO Files "UFOs: 1 Cause for Alarm" U		10 Days to D-Day of dinary people. (CC)	The success or failur	of the invasion rest	s on the efforts of or-
57	STR-MV	Sherilyn Fenn, Tom	assination File" (19 Verica, Paul Winfield	96, Suspense) . A former federal	Witherspoon, Willian	make millions of dol 996, Suspense) Mark n Petersen. A teen's	Wahlhem Reese	ton. (CC) ** "Cruel Intenti lar, Ryan Philippe, I	ons" (1999, Drama) Reese Witherspoon.	Sarah Michelle Gel- leens pass the time	*** "Darkman" (McDormand, Colin	1990, Suspense) Lia Friels. A scientist see	m Neeson, Frances ks revenge on the
58	ADV 1	agent uncovers a po (5:30) Into the Danger Zone "Ex-	Game for It	Total Adventure "Climbing Canada"	Adventure Challen an Ocean"	rriend. ge "Adrift in the Indi-	•X Power	playing wicked gam	Game for It	Into the Danger Zo	thugs who disfigure ne "Extremes"	Next Wave Study- ing bull elephant	Total Adventure "Canoeing Para-
59	MTV	tremes" Real World Road Rules Chal-	Real World Road Rules Chal-	Real World Road Rules Chal-	Battle for Ozzfest Ozzy and Sharon	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Wanna Come In?	The Real World Landon struggles to	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	seals. The Real World Flaunting frater-	peti" The Real World Sarah's family vis-
60	NICK	lenge (CC) Hey Arnold! At 81, Grandpa prepares	lenge (CC) Rugrats Tommy wants Stu to stay at	lenge (N) (CC) The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron:	choose a band. The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Drake & Josh Drake and Josh be-	Full House Widow- er forms an extend-	Full House Jesse baby-sits the girls.	find his place. The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Wil's	The Cosby Show Rudy complains	nization rules. (CC) Roseanne David paints a wall in the	its. (CC) Roseanne Jackie
00		to die. (CC)	home. (CC)	Boy Genius		unio (00)	come pawns.	ed family.	(CC)	fiery flambe. (CC)	about house rules.	diner. (CC)	goes dancing with- out Fred. (CC)

JAPAN TV

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JAPAN TV-BS7

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8:230 NFL: AFC Championship - New England
Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers
Afternoon
12:15 Whats On Asia (r)
2:15 CNN News
4:15 World News Hour
5:15 Asian News

5:15 Asian News
Evening
6:15 CNN Newday, Asia
6:15 CNN Newday, Asia
8:15 News Today, Asia
8:15 News Today, World
9:15 Economic News
10:10 RS Documentary: Rumsfeld and De11:15 NFL: NFC Championship - Atlanta Fal20:15 Asian News
3:25 World Amazing Sports
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4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-BS11

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7:45 South African Movie (2000): The Long
7:46 South African Movie (2002): No
6000 Deed (1:40)
11:30 TV Series: Friends the Final
Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Third Watch
3:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Antwone Fisher (2:01)

Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola (r) 8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): National Security (1:30)

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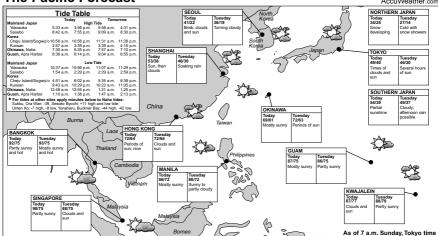
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11.00 Too Choice
12.00 Fire Music
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Wednesday: Snow flurries,

high 41, low 33. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 48 low 39

KADENA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 69, low 56. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 68, low 61.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 34, low 17. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 31, low 10.

MANILA

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and high 86, low 73. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 86, low 73.

HAGATNA Wednesday: Partly sunny,

high 87, low 75. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 75,

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	55/34	Los Angeles	70/52
Amarillo	41/18	Little Rock	53/13
Anchorage	35/27	Louisville	39/17
Asheville	39/19	Miami	78/60
Baltimore	28/24	Milwaukee	21/6
Birmingham	63/26	Nashville	55/14
Bismarck	11/6	New York	27/16
Boise	44/31	Omaha	17/5
Boston	18/12	Orlando	76/47
Brownsville	80/47	Philadelphia	26/20
Buffalo	5/2	Phoenix	73/56
Burlington	2/-1	Pittsburgh	28/12
Charleston, SC	65/26	Portland, OR	58/44
Charlotte	36/22	Portland, ME	13/8
Cleveland	20/11	Salt Lake City	40/29
Columbus, OH	29/13	St. Louis	31/13
Duluth	18/1	San Antonio	74/31
El Paso	59/34	San Diego	66/54
Hartford	17/11	San Juan	82/70
Helena	41/24	Tampa	71/48
Indianapolis	31/8	Tulsa	37/11
Jacksonville	75/40	Washington	27/22
Kansas City	19/7	Wichita	35/10



U.S. Extended Forecast

Weather in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic will be much more calm to start the workweek. A weak Alberta Clipper may drop a few snow showers, but no significant snowfall is expected through Wednesday. Unseasonably mild air will take hold from Texas all the way up the Great Plains to the Canadian border. The reason for this warmth is a large dome of high pressure dominating the western half of the country. The dome will slide east by midweek, allowing for some precipitation that has been riding over the ridge into the Pacific Northwest to slide down into northern California on Tuesday and Wednesday The Northwest coast will continue to be quite wet, with a chance for rain through Wednesday.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

Monday	's World	Temperatures
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AAFES's overall prices too high

I am writing in response to the many letters I've read in Stars and Stripes concern ing the Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas-price situation

It sounds like military in Japan are having relatively the same problem we are here in Europe. AAFES claims to set its gas prices based on the average weekly U.S. prices. yet we here are paying \$2.06 a gallon while folks back home are paying \$1.78 a gallon.

Every day we see commercials and adver tisements by AAFES stating that it supports the military, it keeps prices low for those of us serving our country away from home and it provides a great service to us by not charging any tax. Yet it more than makes up for tax charges with its outrageous prices on

everything from a T-shirt to gasoline. I could go into almost any store back home and buy a T-shirt for under \$10, where the average price for a T-shirt in a post exchange store is close to \$20. A pair of eans can run you around \$35 to \$40, for an off-brand. In fact, we have even sent money to our parents to purchase our clothes at home because it's cheaper to buy and ship them than it is to purchase them from the post exchang

When is AAFES going to keep its word and start supporting the military by keeping prices low? When is it going to stop capitalizing on our situation of being thousands of es from home — and from good stores

God bless our parents who are willing to shop for us back home and God bless the Wal-Mart, Target and J.C. Penney stores back home for truly great deals and prices. AAFES could learn a thing or two from them.

Candy Horton Darmstadt, Germany

Boycott your car, not AAFES

I cannot help but disagree with the whole concept of boycotting Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas stations ("Organize a weeklong boycott," letter, Jan. 18).

If you are griping about the cost of g line on post, boycott your car, not AAFES.
At posts stateside. I recall AAFES's prices being approximately equal to the prices off post. If that were the case in Europe, we would be paying about \$5.50 per gallon. Rather than trying to get AAFES to lower its prices, why not lower your own gas expendi-

The letter writer made some good suggestions, but I would recommend some of them as long-term solutions, not ways of exacting revenge on AAFES. If you do not like the price of gas, carpool, use the shuttle service provided by the installation, ride a bike, walk, or trade in your gas-guzzling sport utility vehicle for a more-fuel-efficient vehicle. Stop making little trips across post that waste your hard-earned money.

I find it hard to believe that the price of gas is at all oppressive when I see how many U.S.-plated vehicles are SUVs that are getting pitiful gas mileage driving stop-and-go around post. Forget about the few of us stationed in Europe; if the whole United States would stop consuming mas-sive amounts of foreign oil, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would be forced to lower prices (supply and demand).

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Imagine cheaper gas, fewer cars on the roads, less pollution, and our country not de-pending on the Middle East to supply us with our "liquid gold." I think that is far more effective than a weeklong boycott. Matt Stehr

Vilseck, Germany

Where were prison supervisors? It seems to me that something is amiss to

tally in the Abu Ghraib prisoner-abuse scandal

I also was embarrassed when I first saw the photos and heard of the breaking abuse scandal. I fully agree that these actions are immoral, indecent, intolerable and against the Geneva Conventions

I sometimes tend to agree with some writers when they say, "So what?" Do these fa-natic terrorists have any remorse about the crimes they commit against their own countrymen, our soldiers, and innocent civilians and children?

However, these actions [at Abu Ghraib] are illegal and deserve punishment. What I cannot come to terms with, and accept, is that a junior enlisted reservist, an E-4, could manage to put together and be ring master to such a "band of rogue guards" without being noticed.

These actions didn't just happen in a blink of the eye, and in an isolated corner, or back room. These actions took time, and occurred over a period of time.

My question is, where were the senior enlisted, and officers, when this abuse was taking place? Were these supervisors never in the work area where these actions took place? The military/civilian interrogators surely outrank this "ring master." and had to be present in the environment. How could these professionals not notice what was happening around them:

Anyone would agree that if the senior chain of command didn't see what was happening under its eyes, then it was negligent or absent in its duties also. You can delegate authority, but you can't delegate responsibilWill there be any senior-level personnel in positions of responsibility courts-martialed and serving sentences, or was the explanations of "I wasn't aware of these actions under my command" accepted. Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth A. Cox (Ret.) Stuttgart, Germany

Abu Ghraib offers lessons

It looks like the Army and the Pentagon have been successful in localizing and isolating the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal to a few unfortunate lower-enlisted soldiers. These soldiers were indeed guilty for mistreating Iraqi prisoners and deserved to be pun-ished. There is no possible way, however, that prisoner abuses of this magnitude could possibly have taken place without the acquiescence of higher headquarters, or the dereliction of duty by higher headquarters to not have noticed what was happening in Abu Ghraib prison.

By blaming the whole scandal on some lower-enlisted soldiers, the Army and the Pentagon successfully protect those higher up in the chain of command who should have stopped what was happening, who ordered the abuses, who never properly trained the soldiers serving as guards, or who were not aware of what was occurring in that prison - but should have been.

This prisoner abuse scandal is a good ex-ample for senior noncommissioned officers and officers how not to allow your lower-enlisted soldiers to be made into scapegoats for policy-makers. U.S. soldiers might be curious about when the higher-ranking offi-cials who were in charge of Abu Ghraib will be facing their own charges relating to the prisoner abuses that took place there.

Staff Sgt. Thomas P. Murt

Hatboro, Pa.

Learn from each assignment

You could compare love to sweet vs. bitter. I know the true meaning of sweet in the people of Kosovo.

Feeling like this and exposing my heart to

the people of Kosovo, I know I will be vulnerable because when the time I have to leave is here. I will be sad. I have a new friend in Kosovo who I ad-

mire so much. One day I was talking to him and he mentioned how much he loved his father and that his father is ill. This says to me that there is a lot of love and respect for family in Kosovo.

How can you expect to be sad in life when love is passed on to you? He knows when the time comes he has to take over and continue that love for his family, as well.

I noticed his emotions. His eyes were red and I noticed a tear was about to start, so I had to walk away before I started to cry as

We live in a world where nothing comes easily, and there is an opposite of every good aspect we enjoy. It's all in how we perceive the world. Life is too short to see everything, do everything and know everything

So, make the best of what duty ment you have overseas and look at the peo-ple carefully and learn more about their life Let's enjoy every minute, because eventually it all comes to an end. Nelson Delgado

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks







OPINION

Bush's 'fire' is lighted, but it could burn us

any say that George W. Bush is the political heir to Ronald Reagan. But as his inaugural speech Thursday showed, Bush owes more to a distant presidential predeces-

James Pinkerton



sor, John F. Kennedy Reagan, in his 1985 re-inaugural, rambled through a historical anecdote about "a Boston lawyer named Adams and a Virginia planter named Jefferson" before he plunged into his main focus: eco nomics.

The Gipper rightly took credit for straight months of eco nomic growth" and

pledged more pro-growth tax-cutting: "We must simplify our tax system, make it more fair, and bring the rates down for all who work and earn." It was not until the 30th paragraph of a 42-paragraph speech that Reagan turned his attention to foreign policy.

By contrast, Bush never mentioned taxes. nor did he touch upon many items in his do mestic agenda. His immediate focus was foreign policy, and he got right to the point and to the punch. Referring to the years be tween the fall of communism and Sept. 11 as "years of repose, years of sabbatical," he was taking a poke at the two presidents of the '90s, in effect accusing Bill Clinton and his own father, George H.W. Bush, of being on vacation as dire threats loomed

But, of course, Bush sees himself as more

to "one conclusion." he declared: "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." The Gipper, on the other hand, had ventured only a few such rhetorical flourishes. So the truest oratorical antecedent for the 43rd president is, in fact, the 35th president

In his 1961 inaugural, Kennedy charged right into foreign policy, mixing global politics, military force and religion into a potent rhetorical brew: "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God." Then came JFK's famous open-ended commitment to freedom around the world: "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." His speech was devoid of any domestic political content whatsoever. And so the course of his presidency was set: In his brief term Kennedy confronted the Soviets in Europe Fidel Castro in Cuba and, most poignantly, the Viet Cong in South Vietnam.

Today, communism has mostly disappeared, but Bush has identified a new foe: 'tyranny." The "t" word came up six times Thursday. "We will persistently clarify the choice before every ruler and every nation, he vowed, adding that "leaders of governments with long habits of control" should know that U.S. policy will be, at least implic-



itly in favor of regime change

But even more than Kennedy, Bush sees his freedom crusade as being powered by faith. He cited "the truths of Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, the words of the Koran, Polls show that confidence in the Iraq war is slipping, but Bush has the bully pulpit, as well as the muscle to push events in a direction "set by liberty and the Author of Liberty.

In particular, Bush asked young people to "make the choice to serve in a cause larger



than your wants larger than yourself Quote-meisters, of course, will compare this summons to JFK's ringing "ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." This much is clear: Like Kennedy before him, Bush aims to set American might in motion around the world. "By our efforts," he proclaimed, "we have lit a fire ... a fire in the minds of men." Those fires will surely burn - although perhaps in ways we can't yet imagine.

James Dinkerton is a Newsday columnist

Critics cut corners when chiding environmentalists

BY TONY JUNIPER

he devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean shocked the world. No one could fail to be moved by the horrific pictures and harrowing stories that emerged from the region as the scale of the tragedy unfolded.

But, in the days that followed, another story started to emerge. Unscrupulous envi ronmentalists, it seemed, were outrageously exploiting the tragedy by claiming it was caused by climate change. A provocative story, save one major flaw: It wasn't true

Shortly before Christmas, and therefore before the tsunami struck, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Greenpeace UK were asked by a British newspaper, the Independent, to comment on a re-insurance company's findings that there had been a dramatic increase in insurance claims in 2004 resulting from hurricanes, floods, droughts and other weather events linked to global warming.

Stephen Tindale, executive director of Greenneace IIK commented "No one can ignore the relentless increase in extreme weather events and so-called natural disas ters, which in reality are no more natural than a plastic Christmas tree

My remarks included, "Here again are vet more events in the real world that are consistent with climate change predictions Our comments appeared a few days later (shortly after the tsunami struck), but to anyone who read the article, it should have been clear that neither organization linked cli-

mate change to the disaster.

But The Wall Street Journal saw things differently. Using our quotes out of context, its Dec. 28 editorial thundered, "In the world of environmental zealotry, even an event such as this is seen as an opportunity to press the agenda. Thus, the source of the South Asian tsunami is being located in global warming

Conservative commentators were quick to

join in and vent their righteous indignation The facts don't always get in the way of a good story, and here was an opportunity to get on their high horses, lay into environmentalists and pour scorn on concerns about global warming. Presumably not having read the original article, and certainly not bothering to contact us to check the facts, they swiftly began their attacks.

"Global Warming Claims Wrong in Wake of Tsunamis" shouted a Cato Institute press release, which was subsequently with-drawn. Steven Millov, in a syndicated column (by Washington Times, Fox News online and others) accused us of "shamelessly" trying to "exploit last week's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe in hopes of advancing their global warming and anti-development

The American Enterprise Institute's James K. Glassman, in a column ("No one should warm to idea that SUVs are to blame," Jan. 12, Stars and Stripes), called us

"unscrupulous activists" for whom "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation.

And Dr. Pat Michaels attacked the "environmental experts" who have "moral audacity" of linking climate change to the tsunami.

"Unfortunately it is another 'Predicatable Distortion' of global warming, similar to dozens documented in my recent book," he said But it wasn't just conservative columnists who were quick to condemn The Chicago Tribune told its readers,

This is worse than a hoax. It's an insult to the victims and the survivors of the tsunami and to the millions of compassionate people trying to bring relief and figure out how to prevent a similar disaster. The Boston Herald said "We wondered if

some environmental zealot would try to blame the catastrophe on global warming. Our fears have been realized in Britain."

Neither Friends of the Earth nor Green peace has ever claimed that earthquakes can be caused by climate change or made

any such link. Our "comments," which have been taken completely out of context, were made before the tsunami struck and related But not one journalist or commentator con-

tacted us to see if we had in fact linked the tsunami to global warming before writing their attacks. But then it suits certain quar ters to discredit those who want to see action on global warming.

Climate change is a genuine threat to peo

ple and the environment, a fact that credible scientists agree on, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which says "greenhouse gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities. causing surface temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise.

It's time the world woke up to the threat of climate change. Discrediting genuine concerns about global warming or shooting the messenger might make a good story, but it won't make the problem go away.

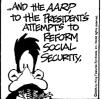
Tony Juniper is director of Friends of the Earth in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Mallard Fillmore

SPECULATION CONTINUES REGARDING THE ORIGINS OF this WINTER'S CATASTROPHIC WEATHER WITH CLIMATOLOGISTS ATTRIBUTING It to CYCLICAL PATTERNS,

ENVIRONMENTALISTS, to "GREENHOUSE GASES."





BY BRUCE TINSLEY

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Cooking controversy

OH THOMPSON — high school principal promises he's going to give the living skills curriculum an extreme makeover after a student skinned and cooked a guinea pig and a rabbit during class student.

16-year-old boy, told the principal, Beto Gage, that he killed the animals at home before bringing them to Ledgemont High Gage said living skills

teacher Diana Stevens lets students prepare a meal of their choice on Wednesdays Students who didn't want to

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on the retailer's Web site Jan. 12. It

sold Wednesday, said Jim Sinegal, Costco's chief executive, who

The Issaquah-based discount re-

tailing giant may be better known

for bulk chicken and cases of soda.

but the Costco.com site features an

eclectic mix of items, from caskets

to computers to sports equipment.

sold the Picasso, has been selling

art through Costco for the past de-

cade. He said Costco's markup is

one-tenth that of traditional galler-

IN BLOOMINGTON — The family of a man who died

after a jailer shocked him with a

stun gun has reached a \$500,000

James Borden, 47, died in No-

vember 2003 at Monroe County

Jail, where Lawrence County no

lice had brought him for violation

of a home detention order. Jail reports said Borden was "uncoopera-

tive," prompting jailer David Shaw to shock him six times with the

Taser International Inc., the Scotts-

dale Ariz shased maker of the stun

of death as a heart attack brought

A coroner ruled Borden's cause

Death settlement

settlement over his death.

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Icy perch

A red-tailed hawk sits a top a

pogonip covered branch in Washoe

Art dealer Jim Tutwiler, who

would not identify the buyer.

watch were allowed to go into another room. Gage said The student had asked Stevens if

he could catch and cook a wild rabbit and she approved, provided he gut the carcass before class, Gage said. He said the student, whose name was not released, is an active

The animals, however, apparently were purchased at a pet store.

Musical research

GREENSBORO - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has started a research institute dedicated to increasing the understanding of how music is created by the human brain.

Researchers will look for insights by studying music's uses in medicine, psychology and educa-tion, among other fields.

Parish closing

NH ROCHESTER — An Episcopal parish that lost most of its worshippers after the diocese elected an openly gay bishop announced it will close after Easter. Remaining parishioners decided to close the Church of the Redeem. er, saving there aren't enough worshippers and the parish leaders are overburdened.

The church has operated for more than 100 years

Coach must stop prayer

MI AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP — A Washtenaw County school district ordered a high school coach to stop leading his wrestlers in prayer. The district issued the order after the ACLU threatened to sue unless Daren Schaller stopped the prayers, which came after practices and before meets.

The whole team participated in the prayers, which the district said were voluntary

Penmanship for doctors

MT HELENA — The state House Judiciary Committee endorsed a bill calling for sanctions against doctors if a licensed nharmacist can't read the prescriptions they write. Under the legislation, repeat offenses could lead to a fine of up to \$500.

The bill now goes to the full House for debate.

Costco sells Picasso WA SEATTLE — Costco shop-

pers were offered an on-line deal this month — an original Picasso.

The crayon-on-paper drawing of a face signed and dated by Pablo Picasso was listed for \$39,999.99

on by an existing heart condition, drug intoxication and electrical chock

Poison plan

FORT LAUDER-FL DALE — A woman received a 20-year prison sentence Thursday for putting rat poison in her boss' soda to cover up the fact that she was stealing his money.

Femesha Foster, 37, was found guilty Jan. 5 of poisoning for dronning the toxic mix into ontometrist Mark Caruso's drink in 2000. Caruso realized the drink tasted funny and drove himself to an emergency room, where he was treated and released

Foster, who worked as a technician for Caruso at a Wal-Mart, said she had discovered that her boss knew she had written checks from his account. Foster said she was not trying to kill him, but only send him home sick so she could have time to cover her tracks.

Foster's lawyer, William Lanphear, said he would appeal the verdict and sentence. He had argued Foster was innocent because there wasn't enough rat poison in the soda to do Caruso harm.

Foster is almost at the end of a five-year prison sentence for grand theft in the case.

Polite robber

MILWAUKEE - Sometimes saying please just doesn't work

A man trying to rob Marine Land Pets got locked inside the pet store because of some fast action on the part of two clerks. The sisters, Wendy and Crystal York, triggered alarms that notified police and locked the store's front door

Lawrence and Monroe counties The man can be heard on the store's security tape demanding agreed to the settlement but did that the clerk's open the door, only not admit liability in Borden's to hear them say, "We can't." The settlement does not include Then he asks again, "Open the

door, ma'am. Please open the door He finally found his way out a

back door and fled. Police were looking for him.

Scalding reaction

BOSTON - A Boston parking meter attendant suffered first-and second-degree burns on her face and upper torso after a man angry over the \$55 ticket she gave him allegedly threw hot coffee at her.

Christi Noviello, 44, was walking her beat in the Back Bay at about 8:30 on Thursday morning when she saw a Hummer parked in a loading zone with a woman in the passenger seat.

She gave the woman a chance to move the vehicle before writing a \$55 ticket and slipping it under a windshield wiper.

"I am a nice meter maid," Noviello told the Boston Herald.

"As a courtesy, I gave the lady a chance to move, but she pointed at the Starbucks and refused."

The driver, Francois Youhanna, came out of the coffee shop enraged, Noviello said. 'He had a venti-sized cup of black coffee in his hand and he

flung it right in my face." Youhanna was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, hot coffee.



Sweet little lambs Jaden Silva 2. leads his animal in the pee wee division of the lamb lightweight medium wool class at the Cameron County Fair Grounds in San



Spencer Hill, left and Bridget Deery, It's as easy as pie hoth students at Notre Dame High School in Burlington, Iowa, take part in a pie-eating contest in the school's cafeteria.



Sunset baseball

Adam Wootton, 4. plays baseball with his aunt and grandmother as

the sun goes down at Civitan Park in Farmington, N.M.



Chad Sommers, left, of New Orleans, and Donald Bratton of Ocean Springs, Making a point Miss., both students at The University of Southern Mississippi, put on a fencing demonstration on the Hattiesburg, Miss., campus.



Catching air Crescent, Iowa

Brandon Knox, 17, of Omaha, Neb. jumps a hill at Mt. Crescent Ski Area in



Too hot to handle Montana State University-Northern student Dan Stratton welds togeth-

er a spark tester during welding certification class at MSU-Northern. Havre. Mont.



Dawn breaks over the midtown Manhattan skyline, with the Empire State Building center right, on Saturday.

Quarry crash

ME ROCKLAND — A vehicle skidded off a cliff and plunged into an ice-covered quarry, but divers will wait until spring to recover the body of the driver.

A passing driver saw the accident, which happened Thursday morning near the Limerock Street-Old County Road intersection. The witness told police she saw a dark-colored Chevy Blazer go over a stone barrier at the side of the road and fall into the city-owned quarry.

Rockland police Sgt. Jeff McLaughlin said snowy weather, road conditions and speed probably contributed to the accident.

Cockfight extortion

SC COLUMBIA — A former state official pleaded guilty to extortion charges Thursday and admitted taking a \$10,000 bribe protect a cockfighting organization from legal trouble.

Suspended South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Charles Sharpe was accused of accepting the payoff from an organization involved in breeding and raising birds for cockfighting, which is illegal in the state.

He used the money to pay off a debt from his 2002 campaign for commissioner, prosecutor Mark Moore said. Sharpe also pleaded guilty to lying to a federal officer.

"I am truly sorry for my error in judgment and ask for forgiveness." Sharpe told the court.

Alarming problem

CA FREMONT — Burdened by thousands of false alarms, police in Fremont will become the first in California to stop responding to burglar alarms unless there is a confirmed break-in or security breach.

The new policy, effective Feb. 18, will allow police to handle more urgent calls and save the city about \$600, 000 a year in staff time and equipment costs. Fremont Police Chief Craig Steckler said.

"I'm going to get out of the alarm business," Steckler said. "I was never asked permission to get into

Under the policy, police won't respond to burglar alarms unless a resident, property owner or alarm company employee can show evidence that a crime occurred, such as glass breakage or seeing a suspicious person. Officers, however, will still respond to panic, duress and robbery alarms.

Costly surgery error

NY NEW YORK — A hospital and the New York Rangers' hockey team doctor Thursday were ordered to pay \$450,000 to a dance director and choreographer who had surgery on the wrong knee

Douglas Hall, 43, went to St. Vincent's Hospital in November 2001 for arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. Despite marking the right knee with an "X," Dr. Andrew Feldman operated on the left

Feldman described on St Vincent's Web site as the head team physician for the Rangers, admitted an error occurred; the parties disagreed on how it happened.

An otter nuisance

OH COLUMBUS — The wily and playful river ofter was once on the verge of extinction in Ohio. Now they're thriving - and causing so much damage that wildlife officials are considering allowing hunters to trap them.

It's a situation other states have had with other animals. In Florida and New Jersey, it's the black bear. The Rockies and Alaska have the gray wolf. Nearly everywhere else, it's the white-tailed deer and Canada goose.

The otter's numbers have soared in just two decades - from 123 to about 4,300 — and Ohio wildlife officials are proposing a permit-only two-month trapping season. The Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposal in April.

Turtles on the decline

DAYTONA BEACH - Endangered loggerhead turtles along Florida beaches are in serious and rapid decline, but last vear's four hurricanes are probably not to blame, experts said.

According to the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, a 20-mile stretch on Florida's east coast from Melbourne Beach to Wabasso Beach, the number of loggerhead nests have dropped steadily since 1998, from 18,000 nests to approximately 8,000

Loggerhead nesting activity is inconsistent from year to year.

There are high and low cycles that last a few years each and are considered normal. But after six years of lows, experts said some-

thing might be wrong. Puppy sparks fight

NY NEW YORK — A Bronx teenager fatally stabbed a 20-year-old man and wounded a teenage girl in a fight over a pit bull puppy, police said.

Samuel Encarnacion, 18, was arrested on murder and assault charges in the incident, which happened at about 2:45 a.m. Thursday inside a Bronx apartment.

Encarnacion allegedly became violent when his girlfriend, Ophelia Torres, 16, and her cousin, Johnny Torres, refused to let him play with or help train the puppy. police said.

Charitable nudity

CA STANFORD — More than a dozen Stanford University freshmen have put together an eye-catching calendar, inspired by southern Asia tsunami victims and naked Maine lobster fishermen.

The calendar, which has already sold 70 copies and no doubt will sell hundreds more, features 14 students from Larkin Hall, a freshman dormitory. All are naked, but strategically so.

"You can't see anything," said Pam Geist, one of three Larkin students who created the calendar, which will raise funds for Save the Children. "Everything is blocked."

Geist is topless in the April photo, but her long hair and a discreet camera angle make sure she is revealing nothing more than a liberal halter top would.

Co-creators Joel Lewenstein and Andrew Burmon are the August models, with both holding cameras in strategic places. One camera has a telephoto lens.

Stories and photos from wire reports

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J **Horoscope**

When the moon enters Leo this afternoon, all the inventive energy of the Aquarian solar influence is given dimension. The impending full moon adds the exhilarat-**Holiday Mathis**

ed buzz that comes from letting creativity sing through us. Creativity, like love, isn't something one needs to generate. Its energy is already present, and we need only be open

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 24). This year, you'll realize how truly loved you are. Family and friends shower you with attention. while guardian angels disguised as perfect strangers emerge to offer you assistance. Be sure you know what you want this spring. You'll purchase a luxury item in September. A romantic getaway beckons in July or October. Love signs are Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 34, 12, 13 and 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Prepare for a change of events in your social life. The sudden entrance or exit of a certain individual sets off a fortuitous chain of events enabling you to pursue your dreams

with energy and enthusiasm TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel as though your life is a reality TV show - you're constantly "on" and don't seem to have as much privacy as you're accustomed to. Your existence is more glamorous than you think. Enjoy your

skyrocketing ratings GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You are of two minds regarding an important career path. One road requires much patience and waiting the other immediate action. If you're really stuck, ask yourself, "What would fellow Gemini Clint Fastwood

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Small changes you make to your life, if practiced consistently, can tally huge benefits for you over time. Don't forget that every journey begins with a single step, and every step begins with a single thought.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some one else's trash is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, eBay, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely to turn lead into gold. A fantastic find is yours for the asking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule.

Try not to fret too much. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end

results will be worth the wait LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You're magnetic, effortlessly drawing people to you and widening your already large circle of

friends Embrace the new more sociable you. A romantic partner is being very mysterious. Adopting

a wait-and-see attitude is best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A message from a far-off friend may

bring an invitation to travel and perhaps study abroad. Make you plans well in advance so you have time to save up. A change of scenerv would do you good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Money's a little tight as bills from the holiday season roll in. Penny pinching is definitely not your style, but a little self-control serves you well. Do you really need to buy more books, or can you visit the

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a calming effect on those around you, a trait that may prove valuable in the business

world. Just be sure your boss doesn't see you as irreplaceable, or you'll never convince him or her to give you that promotion

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let your innate courage guide you

into your future. Just because your dream sounds far-fetched, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

A project that encountered delays last month heats up once again You've had plenty of time to plot and think — the time to act is now! Self-doubt's a major waste of time Lead by the strength of your convic-

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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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Move to new town bothers mother JUMBL

Dear Abby: I am a 26-year-old woman who has been married for a year and a half. After our wedding, my husband, "Wendell," and I moved 21/2 hours away from my hometown I have a job in the catering business and my husband is a successful attorney. I'm happier now than I have

ever been The problem is my mother, who has never stopped making me feel guilty about moving. Recently, Mom has become mean and offensive, saving maybe she should just forget about me rather than deal with the pain of my living so far away. She says she'd rather not see her future grandchildren at all if it's going to be only once or twice a month Mother expects me to visit her whenever I have free time. She refuses to accept that I work full

time and have responsibilities I have tried to reason with her; her only response is that I should move closer. I know she misses me. but I feel she is being unreasonable. I know of many other parents who have supported their children moving away. I'm afraid I'll lose my mother if I don't move closer. Can you give me some advice?

- Missing My Mom in Virginia Dear Missing: Please

don't sacrifice a life in which you are happier than you have ever been in order to please your mother. That you were able to marry and leave the nest is proof that she was successful as a parent. In some families, the umbilical cord is never severed

 it stavs connected with chicken soup running in between - and it's not healthy for anyone.

Dear Abby: I was dating a man for nearly a year, and it was wonderful until things started to unrayel. After we had dated for several months and things were

starting to get serious, he intro duced me to his 7-year-old daugh "Emma

Emma and I took to each other immediately and became great friends. She would call me on the phone and ask to hang out with me and her dad.

Sadly, things with her father and me didn't work out, and I broke off the relationship. Now I'm struggling to explain to Emma why I'm no longer around. What is the best way to deal with this?

— Heartbroken in Virginia Dear Heartbroken: The kindest thing would be to visit with Emma and explain to her that the relationship you had with her father wasn't meant to be. Tell her that you think she is terrific. and the breakup had nothing to do with her, so she won't be left with the impression that it's because of something she did. You'll be doing the child a favor

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words



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form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Saturday's

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: CRUSH EVOKE BARRIT PEOPLE Answer: When he bought the jalopy, he ended up with a - "HEAP" OF TROUBLE

Boyfriend hid cross-dressing side

Dear Annie: I am a middle-aged, divorced lady with two older teens at home. I am conserva tive and have a good job in a medium-sized town.

I have been dating "Gregg," also divorced for over a year, and every thing is going great. He is responsible, kind, sensitive, and a wonderful nassionate man. We have been making tentative plans to marry, and we love each other very much

Here's the catch. Once, I noticed Gregg wearing women's panties. He thought it was too dark for me to see him, but when he got undressed and went into the bathroom, I turned on the light and saw a nice pair of lacy, nylon panties. I was shocked because Gregg is a macho guy.

When he came back in the room, I was holding the panties. He was embarrassed, but came clean and told me he has been a cross-dresser since childhood. He apologized for not telling me.

I don't want to end our relation ship, but I also don't want to see



woman, Gregg said that he dresses up once or twice a week for a few hours, that it relaxes him and is important for his mental health.

I am good-natured and think I could handle it if he does it when I'm not around. But I'm worried that my children or family will make a fuss if they find

out. Please advise me as I am in love with a wonderful

man but very confused. Hoosier Panties in an Uproar

Dear Hoosier: You have a healthy, tolerant attitude, which bodes well for your future with Gregg. Understand that Gregg is not going to give up cross-dress-ing, but he should respect your request that he not do it in front of you or your family. However, it is still quite possible that someone will find out. Before making any commitments, please get more information on the subject. We recommend Tri-Ess (tri-ess.org), a support group for heterosexual

cross-dressers and their partners

Dear Annie: I am getting older, and while I have many friends. I have no family members. I have started giving away many of my things to people who will treasure them. However, when I die, I will need someone

to clean out my closets and drawers and dispose of my basic possessions. I do not want my friends to deal with this. Are there people who handle this sort of thing

- San Dimas, Calif. Dear San Dimas: Yes. Talk to a lawyer and draw up your will so your wishes will be followed. Then appoint someone to be your executor. It can be a friend, or your lawyer, banker, etc. Let them know the situation, and ask them, when the time comes, to hire a service to clean your home and donate or liquidate your

possessions. PUSSESSIONS.
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"PJ can go outside now, Mommy. I've got him all bungled up."





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Single? Old? Gay? Fertility clinics pick, choose

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

They'll check her ovaries and her bank account, but few U.S. fertility clinics have policies for determining a woman's emotional or mental fitness to have a child, let alone whether it's OK to help one who is past menopause, a new survey reveals.

It shines a fresh spotlight on the ethics of the largely unregulated field of reproductive medicine, which reportedly has just helped a 66-year-old woman in Romania

Answering hypothetical ques tions, most American clinics said they'd help a 43-year-old get pregnant. One in five would refuse single women, but 5 percent don't even ask about marital status.

One in four would help a woman who has the AIDS virus.

"A gay couple and a couple on welfare were about equally likely to be turned away," said Andrea Gurmankin, a Harvard School of Public Health psychologist who led the study when she previously worked at the University of Penn-

Results were published Tuesday in Fertility and Sterility, a journal of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

"They were all over the place with respect to their views and values," said University of Pennsylvania bioethics chairman Arthur Caplan, who also worked

Clinics lack set standards

Fertility clinics vary greatly on who they will and won't treat, a new survey found.

Hypothetical customer	Likely to treat	to ı	efuse
Woman with AIDS virus	26%		59%
Couple on welfare	47%		38%
Single woman	77	%	20%
Single man	37%		53%
Couple 43 years old	77	%	18%
Lesbian couple	82	2%	17%
Gay couple	44%		48%
Woman has attempted suicide	60%		16%
Blind couple		91%	3%
Biracial couple		99%	0.5%

States need to set guidelines on some big issues, like helping women have babies after menonause similar to agencies that limit adoptions to people under 55, he said

SOURCE: American Society of Reproductive Medicine

Reproductive decisions now "are too driven by the desires of couples and not enough by the interests of children," Caplan said.

One in 10 American couples is infertile, and their ability to get medical help to have children depends on a host of subjective criteria and attitudes about parenthood by fertility clinic operators, researchers found.

About 100,000 pregnancy attemnts are made each year using in vitro fertilization, in which eggs and sperm are mixed in a lab dish and the resulting embryos are implanted in the womb. More than 177,000 babies have been born this way in the United

Researchers sent surveys to directors of 369 clinics or doctors' offices offering these services around the country; 210 respond-

On average, they turn away only 4 percent of potential customers each year. Only 28 percent had formal policies on who they'd accept or deny.

A whopping 80 percent had customers meet with financial coordinators but only 18 percent had them see a social worker or psy-

Asked if they believed that everyone has a right to have a child,

59 percent said yes. Two-thirds believe they have a responsibility to consider a parent's fitness before helping them conceive.

Medical conditions evoked different responses. Only 1 percent said they wouldn't help Jehovah's witnesses conceive, presumably because they refuse blood transfusions that might be necessary for the mother or child.

"Three percent said they were unwilling to deal with a blind couple. We thought that was fascinating.' Caplan said.

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derstand how variable the values are," Caplan said. One clinic might refuse you, but "iust down the road is

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Although the survey didn't spe cifically ask about helping older women have babies, several experts interviewed by The Associated Press condemned the news about the 66-year-old woman in Romania, who reportedly gave birth to a child created through in vitro fertilization.

Caplan called it "completely unethical and immoral," noting that average life expectancy for Romanian women is 73 years. The fact she is single makes it worse because it raises the odds the child would have no one to care for her

if the mother dies, he said. Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, director of Weill Cornell University and New York Presbyterian's fertility services, said his center would not help a 66-year-old but has helped a woman in her early 50s have a child

His clinic -44 One clinic might one of the largest in the nation with nine doctors - requires all egg donors and recipients to see one of the three staff psychologists. "One should

look at each case individually.

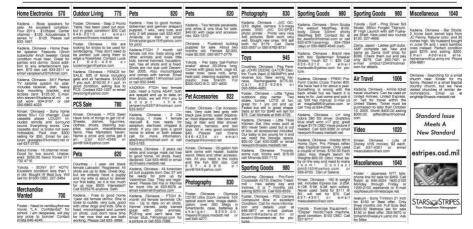
Medicine does not fit a mold. he said. "Some 50-year-olds

may be in better health than a 42-year-old," and some single women may have large families willing to help her raise a child, he said.

The reproductive medicine society's policy says that the moth-er's age alone doesn't make fertility treatment unethical.

"Postmenopausal pregnancy should be discouraged," but doctors "must carefully consider the specifics of each case," it says.

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1. Tanja Poutlainen, Finland, 842 points.
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10. Martina Ertl, Germany, 443.
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The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Omar Minaya has put the "Texas

Gang" back together. Baseball in New York and the National League



will not be the same. Minaya, the New York Mets' general manager, has brought into the front office many of the key components from the Texas Rang-

ers' player-personnel operation of Sandy Johnson, who made the Rangers a force in

Latin American scouting, is a top advisor to his former student. Johnson hired Minaya as an area

scout for the Rangers in 1984 and sent him to Venezuela in his first day on the job. Doug Gassaway, Bryan Lambe and Rudy Terrasas ioined the Mets' scouting depart-

When together with the Rangers, this group became noteworthy for its aggressive and daring ways. There were big hits (Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez and Sammy Sosa) and big misses (Donald Harris and Dan Smith), but there were always big swings. Nothing has changed.

As Montreal's general manage er, Minaya fought the good fight without the necessary resources He has those resources with the Mets and is taking full advantage.

The bold signings of high-profile free agents Carlos Beltran and Pedro Martinez energized a franchise worn down by back-to-back 90-loss seasons. Minaya did not stop there.

Minaya might still end up with Sosa, whom he signed for the Rangers. Minaya went to Puerto Rico on Friday for the second time in three weeks to make a sales pitch to free-agent slugger

no secret Minaya would like to see Carlos Delgado. Sosa playing his home games at It's nice to be able to go out Shea Stadium in 2005. and get those players," Minaya said. "But this job is not just about

getting key guys. You always have to be looking for ways to make the puzzle fit. "I haven't lost that feeling to go the extra mile. I'll

do whatever I have to do. I was taught that way."
For all Minaya has done, two deals done before his arrival will determine the Mets' course this seas

The Mets fooled themselves into believing they were contenders last summer and traded prospects for right-handers Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano. The Mets will be contenders this season if Benson and Zambrano join Martinez and Tom Glavine to form an upgraded rotation.

The Mets had the third-best rotation ERA (4.21)

in the NL East last season, trailing Atlanta and Florida. That will not be good enough for the Minaya administration. It thinks in only one size: big

Seattle committed \$114 million to free agents Adrian Beltre and Richie Sexson. The investment will be worth if it Beltre and Sexson fill the yawning gap in the middle of the Mariners' lineup.

A variety of combinations in the Nos. 3 and 4 spots failed to produce needed power for run-starved Seattle last season. The Mariners' Nos. 3 and 4 hitters produced American League lows in homers (40) and RBIs (161). World Series champion Boston led the league in both categories with 89 homers and

Beltre shortened his swing last season and pro-duced 48 homers and 121 RBI for Los Angeles. Injuries limited Sexton to 90 at-bats with Arizona last

season. From 2000 to 2003, Sexson averaged 37 homers and 111 RBI per se

If the Mariners get about 80 homers and 225 RBI from Beltre and Sexson, they can be contenders again.

Having an established cleanup "legitimizes the lineup, new Mariners manager Mike Hargrove said. Hargrove is not certain how he will align Beltre and Sexson, but the Mariners are secure in the knowledge they have two cleanup hitters. Last season, they had none and lost 99 games.

Briefly ...

No player has fallen quicker and further than second baseman Roberto Alomar, who signed with Tampa Bay rather than compete with Mark Grudzielanek for playing time in St. Louis. In 2001. Alo mar hit .336 with 20 homers and 100 RBI with Cleveland. In the past three seasons, he has hit only 262 with 20 homers and 116 RRI

for three clubs, and his defensive work has deteriorated. Alomar has gone from certain Hall of Famer to borderline candidate. Dean Palmer's comeback with Detroit is successful, he will

be a bench player. Palmer played only one game at third base from 2001 to 2003, and the Tigers do not have openings at first base or designated hitter. Back and neck problems limited Palmer to 87

games in 2001-03, and he retired before last season. The regular season will open April 3 with another installment in the Red Sox-Yankees holy war. Bos-

ton's Curt Schilling is slowly recovering from elbow surgery, but nothing will keep him from making that against former teammate but something-less-than-good-friend Randy Johnson.

The most impressive winter-league performance? Florida's Miguel Cabrera, an All-Star last season, hit .448 with nine homers and 32 RBIs in 58 at-bats with Aragua during the Venezuelan round-robin playoffs. Cabrera played to erase memories of last season's poor finish. He hit only .216 in his final 120 at-bats.



Carlos Beltran, sitting at Shea Stadium, was impressed when Mets GM Omar Minava visited him in Puerto Rico on a recruiting visit earlier this month

Los Mets: Minaya's recruiting lands blue-chip free agents

LOS METS, FROM BACK PAGE

said last week from the Domini-

Martinez's decision to sign a \$53 million, four-year contract with New York helped persuade Beltran to reach agreement on a \$119 million, seven-year deal.

After having dinner at the White House on Jan. 10, Minaya announced Beltran's deal at Shea Stadium the following day. Then he held a news conference on Jan. 12 with Beltran at the Mets spring training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and another the next day in Puerto Rico.

"He's always looking for the well-being of Latinos and now he's with Tony Bernazard, who comes from the Players' Associa-tion," Beltran said. "I'm going to be very well taken care of

"I've known Omar since I was 18. They came to Puerto Rico to meet with me, which other teams did not do," he said. "That showed me they really wanted me.

Minaya publicly thanked Beltran's wife, Jessica, after the nego tiations, clearly understanding her importance in the process.

While Minaya plays down the language and cultural bond he shares with Martinez and Beltran. his strategy to pump up a team that hasn't been to the playoff's since 2000 seems to be working

Delgado said the Latin influence in the Mets and Minaya's approach makes the team "a little more attractive.

"It's really the person, but the language helps," Minaya said. Martinez is doing his part in the recruiting effort.

"I explained to Carlos Delgado the plans the Mets have to be-come a championship team," Martinez said Wednesday. "I've also talked to Sammy Sosa, and he told me that it would be an honor to play with me in New York." Sosa could be available in a trade at the right price.

New York has a large Hispanic population, one that could help the new regional sports network the Mets intend to start in 2006. Stars attract fans, as the Yan-

kees have shown. "Diversity is good business," Minava said.

A 14th-round selection of the Oakland Athletics in 1978. Minaya had a short playing career that included a brief stint in Italy. He then worked his way up from area scout to scouting direct tor with the Rangers and in 1998 became the Mets' assistant gener-

al manager. He was turned down half a dozen times for GM jobs before his breakthrough in 2002, when baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hired him to become GM of the Expos. Montreal, which had been purchased by the other 29 teams. had only a handful of employees left when Minaya took over.

His deals helped keep the Expos in contention into the second half of the season in 2002 and 2003, but by 2004, the second season in which baseball moved some of the Expos' home games to San Juan, there was little front-line talent left. Montreal faded on the field - and into history, too. The Expos became the ashington Nationals last month.

Minaya takes in stride the attention that comes from a high-profile job. "It's a passing thing. I've been

around long enough to know that what's hot today is forgotten tomorrow," he said.

Order to block Angels name change denied bility of prevailing on the merits

Mets GM Omar Minaya signed

Sammy Sosa, above, while Minaya

worked for the Texas Rangers. It's

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Call Southern California's American League team the Los Angeles Angels of Anabeim

A judge refused Friday to grant a preliminary injunction to Anaheim in its attempt to keep the Angels from adding Los Angeles to their name.

"In summary, the court feels that the city of Anaheim has failed to show a reasonable proba(of its arguments at an upcoming trial)." Superior Court Judge Peter Polos said Polos told lawyers for the city

that the stadium lease requires only that Anaheim be in the team's name. Earlier this month. Polos denied the city a temporary restraining order after Anaheim sued the Angels, claiming the name change wasn't permitted in the team's lease

Anaheim spokesman John Nico-

letti said the next court hearing was scheduled March 8. The team said the name change

is meant to increase fan base, advertisers and broadcast contracts, by emphasizing its connection to the nation's second-largest media market.

The Angels' vice president of communication. Tim Mead, said outside of court that the team will keep Los Angeles in its name and it doesn't have control over whether people want to drop heim" from the official title.



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Spurs 128, Suns 123 (OT)

SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 0-7 2-2 2, Duncan 2-20 6-9 30, Nesterovic 3-5 0-0 6, T.Parker 1-9 0 2, Ginobili 16-22 11-12 48, Barry 6-10 0-6 5, Rose 3-6 0-0 6, Udrih 3-8 2-2 9, Brown 2-6 2-7, Massenburg 1-3 0-2 2, Totals 47-96 3-29 128.

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Nuggets 92. Grizzlies 82

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Lakers 105, Warriors 101

GOLDRY STATE — Dunleavy 8-17 0-0 18, Murphy 7-15 1-1 16, Foyle 1-3 0-0 2, Richard-son 10-26 2-4 26, Fisher 9-14 2-3 23, Davis 1-2 1-2 3, Najera 4-5 0-2 9, Cheaney 1-2 0-0 2, Flores 1-1 0-0 2, Pietrus 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 6-12 101. L.A. LAKERS — Jones 6-11 0-0 16, Odom 10-16 3-6 25, Mihm 4-10 0-2 8, Butler 5-14 4-4

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Timberwolves 112. SuperSonics 107

MINNESOTA — Garnett 10-15 4-4 24, Sprewell 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 3-3 0-0 6, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Hassell 3-6 2-3 8, Hudson 8-15 0-0 20, Szczerbiak 11-19 10-12 34, Griffin 3-5 0-0 7,

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hree-Point Goals—Minesota 10-17 (Hud-son 4-6, Holberg 3-4, Szczerbiak 2-2, Griffin Son 4-6, Holberg 3-4, Szczerbiak 2-2, Griffin Agarinanovi 2-6, Lewis 2-7, Alien 2-7, Mirray 1-1, Daniels 1-1), Fouled Out-James, Re-bounds—Minesota 4, Garnett 6, Seattle (Szczerbiak 8), Seattle 17, Alien, Daniels 4-0, Total Fouls—Minesota 24, Seattle 18, Tech-nicals—Seattle Delensive Three Second 2. A-1072. (1078)

Spurs, Pacers claim victories in overtime

Two of the top contenders in the Western Conference went to overtime in Phoenix Two of the East's best teams did the same in

Manu Ginobili scored 48 points Friday night and the San Antonio Snurs rallied from a 17-noint fourth-quarter deficit to hand the Suns their sixth consecutive loss, 128-123

The Miami Heat and Indiana Pacers met in the night's other marquee matchup, and the re-match of last year's Eastern Conference semifinals also was a thriller.

Jamaal Tinsley scored 30 points, including a jumper to force overtime, and Reggie Miller hit two three-pointers in the extra session to lead Indiana to a 106-100 victory.

Tim Duncan had 30 points and 19 rebounds for the Spurs, who became the first team to beat Phoenix twice this season.

Steve Nash had 16 points and 13 assists in 46 minutes, returning to action after missing the past 31/2 games with injuries. Shawn Marion scored 37 points

and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Suns. His three-pointer just before the fourth-quarter buzzer sent the game into overtime Amare Stoudemire scored 35 in an intense matchup befitting the teams with the two best records in the NRA

"I think they're tired and deject-ed right now," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said of his players, "but in the back of their mind, they know, hey, we're pretty good."

The Pacers (20-18) have been pretty good, even without suspended All-Star Ron Artest

Tinsley has picked up his game lately, averaging 29.7 points over his past three. He hit an awkward shot over Miami's Kevon Dooling to tie Friday's game with 0.9 seconds left in regulation.

Miller opened the overtime with a three-pointer, then added another for a 101-96 Indiana lead with 1:36 remaining. Jermaine O'Neal had 26 points

and 14 rebounds for Indiana. Miller had 18 points.

Dwyane Wade scored 30 points for Miami, Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 and Udonis Haslem had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Rockets 92, Knicks 91: At New York, Scott Padgett hit an off-balance one-hander from just inside the free-throw line in the final second for Houston. Tracy McGrady scored 35 points, six on two three-pointers in Houston's 13-0 run to start the second half.

The Knicks had a chance to put the game away with a basket, but gave the Rockets a chance with a shot-clock violation. Padgett got the ball after the Knicks swarmed McGrady and just beat the buzzer with his winning shot.

Wizards 118, Raptors 109: At Washington, Antawn Jamison had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Juan Dixon scored 26 for the





San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili scored 48 points Friday night as the Spurs rallied in the fourth quarter and defeated the Phoenix Suns 128-123 in overtime.

Wizards, who raced to a 15-point first-quarter lead and then withstood a Jalen Rose-led comeback in the second half.

Nets 104, Celtics 98: At East Rutherford, N.J., Jason Kidd hit a three-pointer just before the shot clock expired with 57.9 seconds to play and New Jersey posted a season-high third straight win.

Mavericks 105. Bobcats 99: At Charlotte, N.C., Michael Finley and Dirk Nowitzki scored 20 points each to lead Dallas to its fourth consecutive victory.

Emeka Okafor had 24 points and 15 rebounds for Charlotte, losers of seven straight.

Bucks 89, Pistons 86: At Milwaukee, Mike James scored 20 points and the Bucks won when Richard Hamilton missed a desperation three as the buzzer sounded.

Bulls 95. Hawks 85: At Chicago Kirk Hinrich had 23 noints nine assists and seven rebounds. and Antonio Davis added a sea son-high 17 points to lead the Bulls to their sixth straight victory at home. The Hawks have lost eight straight on the road.

Timberwolves 112, SuperSonics 107: At Seattle, Wally Szczerbiak scored a season-high 34 points and Kevin Garnett added 24 for Minnesota, which had lost eight of nine road games. Szczerbiak set a scoring record for a Wolves reserve in 39 minutes.

Nuggets 92, Grizzlies 82: At Denver, Earl Boykins scored 25 points with a season-high 10 assists, giving interim coach Michael Cooper his first winning streak since taking over Dec. 31.

Lakers 105, Warriors 101: At Los Angeles, Chucky Atkins had 26 points and 10 assists to lead the Lakers over Golden State for the second time in a week.

Wilkens resigns as Knicks coach

Assistant Williams will guide team for rest of season

BY JOHN NICHOLSON The Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. -Lenny Wilkens finally ha enough.

The 67-year-old Hall of Famer resigned as coach of the salary-cap challenged New York Knicks on Saturday, likely ending a record-setting career that began in 1969 when he was still an All-Star guard with the Seattle SuperSonics

"This is a difficult decision for really wanted to help the New York team get back to being an elliet team," Wilkens said in a prepared statement. "But after a lot of consideration, I feel it's the right time for me, the right move and best for all involved."

Knicks President Isiah Thomas, who insisted that he would not have fired Wilkens despite the team's recent slide, turned over the club to assistant coach Herb Williams for the rest of the

The resignation, the first time Wilkens has stepped down or been fired during a season, followed a lengthy meeting with Thomas after the Knicks' last-second home loss to Houston on Friday night, their ninth defeat in Joames. Thomas also said Wilkens

is dealing with off-court issues, but was not specific.

"It's a very difficult day for myself and for the players," Thomas said. "He's a great man and a great coach. We'll miss him."

Wilkens is the winningest and losingest coach in NBA history, going 1,352-1,155 in 32 seasons with Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Atlanta, Toronto and New York. He won his only NBA title with the Sonics in 1979 and coached the United States to a gold medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Wilkens, who did not take questions after reading his statement, has two years and \$10 million left on his contract, which Thomas said the team will honor regardless of whether Wilkens accepts an offer to remain with the club in the front office.

"It's something I'll consider," Wilkens said. "Right now I feel I need to get away for a little time with my family."

Last season, Wilkens led the Knicks to their first playoff berth since 2001, going 23-19 in the final 42 regular-season games. But the Knicks were swept by New Jersey in the first round.

The 46-year-old Williams spent the last seven seasons of his 18-year playing career with the Knicks and joined the coaching staff in December 2001. "It's a great opportunity and I'm going to make the most of it." Williams said. "We're trying to get back to the way things used to be here — winning games in the playoffs. That's what it's all about in this league."

Williams impressed Thomas while coaching the club's summer league team.

"I'm excited for Herb to have this opportunity," Thomas said. "He's very knowledgeable

about the game and the players respect him."
Williams coached the Knicks for one game — a victory over Orlando — a year ago between Don

Chaney's firing and the hiring of Wilkens. "Herb knows what's going on," former teammate Allan Houston

Houston and Kurt Thomas are the only Knicks left from Williams' playing days.

"He's a warrior," Kurt Thomas said. "He's going to coach the way he played."

Late-game breakdowns have plagued New York (17-22) throughout the season, with the latest letdown coming on Rockets backup Scott Padgett's buzz-er-beater Friday night after the Knicks had a shot-clock violation with 10.2 seconds left.

They also lost Monday to Chica-



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Lenny Wilkens, who coached 32 seasons in Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Atlanta, Toronto and New York, has the most wins and losses in NBA history (1,332-1,155). His only NBA title was with Seattle in 1979.

go on Ben Gordon's last-second basket, and were outscored 17-2 in the final 4:55 of a 17-point loss Wednesday night in Toronto. Six of their 22 losses have been decided by one or two points.

The Knicks have three games left on their four-game homestand — Milwaukee, Phoenix and Cleveland — before hitting the road for a six-game trip that includes stops in Detroit, Sacramento and Phoenix. They will then return home to play Shaquille O'Neal and the Eastern Conference-leading Miami Heat.

A nine-time NBA All-Star in his Contributed

15-year playing career with St. Louis, Seattle, Cleveland and Portland, Wilkens and John Wooden are the only Hall of Fame members elected as both a player and coach.

And in 1997, Wilkens — a play-

er/coach for four seasons in Seattle and Portland — was the only man selected as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history and one of the 10 greatest coaches. Wilkens got his record 939th

Wilkens got his record 939th victory in early 1995 with Atlanta, passing former Boston coach Red Auerbach.

AP Basketball Writer Chris Sheridan contributed to this report.

New Mexico St. hoops coach Henson retires with 779 wins

The Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Ailing New Mexico State coach Lou Henson retired Saturday, 21 wins shy of becoming only the fifth Division I basketball coach with 800 victories. Henson, 73, has been in a

Henson, 73, has been in a wheelchair and faced assorted health problems in recent years, from cancer to viral encephalitis. He has not coached this season but had planned to return Jan. 8. However, he was hospitalized with pneumonia Jan. 6.

"I have always been a very demanding coach. I expect my players to give 100 percent or they come out of the game," Henson said in a news conference on campus. "I can expect no less of myself. So because I am physically unable to give my all, I am taking myself out of the game." Henson retires with a career

record of 779-413, the sixth winningest in Division I history. Among active coaches, only Bob Knight has more victories. Henson coached last season de-

Henson coached last season despite being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer. The cancer is now in remission, but in September he was hospitalized with viral encephalitis, a disease that left him partially paralyzed.

Blizzard dumps several inches of snow before AFC, NFC games Put away those cleats and

break out the ice skates.

A major winter storm dumped several inches of snow in Philadel-

Sports briefs

phia on Saturday, forcing hundreds of stadium workers into duty to clear out Lincoln Financial Field before Sunday's NFC championship game between the Eagles and Atlanta Falcons.

Across the state, just a few inches of snow fell in Pittsburgh one day before the Steelers hosted the New England Patriots in the AFC title game at Heinz Field.

The Falcons arrived in Philadelphia early Saturday afternoon after moving their flight up 4½ hours to avoid travel delays. The Patriots averted any problems by leaving Friday night.

"I think when it's all said and done, it comes down to playing the game," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

However, slippery field conditions could work in Philadelphia's favor against Atlanta's strong running attack, neutralizing quarterback Michael Vick's speed and elusiveness and slowing speedy running back Warrick Dunn.

"I think he'll have more of an advantage if it's good footing out there," Eagles defensive end Jevon Kearse said of Vick. "Hopefully, it'll be bad footing for someone like Vick."

Steelers running back Jerome Bettis welcomed a wet surface in Pittsburgh, though he wasn't expected to get his wish.

"I'm a mudder," he said. "A fast track doesn't do much for me.

The worse the field, the better for me."

About one foot snow was expected to fall in Philadelphia before Sunday's 3 p.m. EST kickoff, but city officials said the field and stadium should be completely cleared out. More than 750 workers were on standby with 975 shovels and 65 tons of ice-met. The field at the Linc was covered by a tarp and heated to 70 degrees.

As many as 200 workers stayed busy at Heinz Field cleaning snow off seats and ramps. The field, also covered with a tarp, was not likely to be affected.

Once the snow clears out, a game-time temperature of 18 with a minus-7 wind chill factor is predicted in Philadelphia. Forecasters are calling for 16-degree temperatures and a wind chill around 10 for the early evening game in Pittsburgh.

'Oil Can' Boyd attempting comeback with Brockton team

BROCKTON, Mass. — Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd is planning a return to professional baseball this summer at age 45, this time with the independent Brockton Rox.

Rox manager Ed Nottle announced at the annual Brockton Rox Hot Stove Banquet on Friday that Boyd had been invited to spring training in May.

"I will make the ballclub," said Boyd, who attended the banquet. "I still love to play baseball."

Boyd hasn't pitched profession-

ally since 1997, when he played for another independent professional team, the Lynn-based Massachusetts Mad Dogs.

Boyd said he's still got plenty left in his right arm, adding he hit 89 mph in an exhibition game last summer in Cambridge, The Enterprise of Brockton reported. "Heck, when I was pitching in

the World Series in 1986, I was throwing 89," Boyd said. "That's good enough to get it done." Boyd was 16-10 with a 3.78

ERA for Boston in 1986, the best season of his 10-year major league career, which ended with Texas in 1991. Boyd was known as an emotional player and threw a highly publicized tantrum after he was left off the All-Star team in 1986.

Nottle, who managed Boyd with the Pawtucket Red Sox, said Boyd loves the game more than almost anyone he knows. Boyd, who's been living in his

native Mississippi, began talking to Nottle about a comeback a month ago. Nottle said Boyd's return is no publicity stunt. "If he isn't good enough, he

"If he isn't good enough, he won't make the team, but I think he will," Nottle said. Nottle added that he told Boyd

he would win 10 games for Brockton this year. He said Boyd responded, "I'll win 12."

Miller's chance for sweep halted by postponement

KITZBUEHEL, Austria — Bode Miller's chance for a rare sweep of five events in a season ended Saturday when a World Cup downhill was postponed because of wet snow, forcing the cancellation of the combined.

The race will be rescheduled in Kvitfjell, Norway, the International Ski Federation said. The combined adds times from Saturday's downhill and Sunday's slalom.

Organizers called off the Hahnenkamm downhill for the first time in 12 years but the slalom was expected to run Sunday despite predictions of poor weather. There are only two combined

events on the World Cup schedule this season. The other, a new version of the competition, was held last week in Wengen, Switzerland.

In December, Miller won a

night slalom for a sweep of all four disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and downhill. He did so in 16 days, the shortest span in World Cup history.

Miller leads the overall World

Cup rankings with 1,048 points, with Austria's Benjamin Raich next at 850.

Slovenia's Maze wins women's giant slalom

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Tina Maze won a World Cup giant slalom before her home fans Saturday, her third victory in the event this season.

She was first on both runs on the Goldenfox course on a cold, sunny day, finishing in 2 minutes, 16.36 seconds.

The top finishers for the United States were Julie Mancuso (tied for fifth) and Lindsey Kildow

Lehman leads Woods by three in Buick Inv.

SAN DIEGO — Soupy fog made it impossible to see the ball. And the way Tom Lehman is playing in the Buick Invitational, it might be hard for the rest of the

field to find him. Lehman made two straight birdies to regain the lead, then returned from a three-hour fog delay to close out his second round with two more birdies for a 5-under 67 on the South course at Pines, matching 36-hole record and giving him a three-stroke lead going into the

weekend Lehman was at 15-under 129 tying the record set by Lennie Clements in 1996

Peter Lonard of Australia was at 12-under par and playing his final hole on the par-5 ninth hole on the North course when the second round was suspended by

Tiger Woods also got into contention, making four birdies in five holes after the fog delay. He was at 12-under.

Kevin Sutherland and Dudley completed 36 holes in

The third round also was delayed by fog, with play to resume late in the afternoon. Two-thirds of the players had not teed off when play was halted.

Lehman is gaining confidence with every day, and every shot e Ryder Cup captain easily handled the difficult South course, site of the 2008 U.S. Open, by finishing his round with four straight birdies. He closed with six straight birdies on the North

course Thursday. "I felt the fog delay actually worked in my favor." Lehman said. "I was struggling a bit with my swing, and I went to the range and hit halls for an hour and a half, and felt like I got my rhythm

He can only hope for a different outcome than when Clements set the 36-hole record nine years ago. Clements shot 72-71 on the weekend and finished third

Golf roundup

Lehman, too, has struggled to close out tournaments. He has not won since the 2000 Phoenix Open. and ended last year by playing in the final group in three straight tournaments, failing to win.

Dean Wilson went from a spot among the leaders to the weekend off when he failed to sign his scorecard Saturday after complet-

ing the second round. Wilson, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, played his final six holes in 3 over for a 75, which would have left him tied for 16th at 6-under 138. But he left the scoring trailer

without signing his card First time as a pro," Wilson said as he cleaned out his locker. It already has been a busy two weeks for Wilson. He was not given a sponsor's exemption in the Sony Open — despite being the only PGA Tour player from

Hawaii — getting in as the fourth alternate He finished 76th Wilson who won two majors on the Japanese tour, is best known for playing with Annika Sorenstam the first two rounds at the 2003 Colonial

Watson takes two-shot lead in Champions Tour opener

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii Exhibiting a putting touch reminiscent of his prime, Tom Watson shot a bogey-free, 8-under-par 64 Friday to take a two-stroke lead over Wayne Levi after the first round of the Master

Card Championship. Watson made eight birdies and didn't have a 5 on his scorecard at Hualalai Golf Club in shooting his lowest round since a 66 last year in the season-opening event on the Champions Tour.

Vicente Fernandez chinned in twice for birdie to lead a large group at 5-under 67 that included 2004 player of the year Craig Sta-dler, Dana Ouigley, Morris Hatalsky and John Jacobs

Tennis scoreboard

Australian Open

Saturday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia : \$14.5 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

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4. Karol Beck, Slovakia, and Sargis Sargsian, rmenia, def. Karsten Braasch, Germany, nd Jeff Coetzee, South Africa, 6-4, 6-7 (2), and Jeff Coetzee, South Amoud. 7-5. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, and Andrel Pavel, Romania, def. Wayne Arthurs and Paul Hanley (8), Australia, 7-6 (8), 7-5. Women

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Women Second Round

Li Ting and Sun Tian Tian (10), China, def. Denisa. Chiadkova. Czech Republic, and Lubomira Kurhajova. Slovakia, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Jennifer Russell, United States, and Mara Santangelo, Italy, def. Yulia Beyelzimer, Ukraine, and Ipek Senoglu, Turkey, 6-3, 6-7

(4), 6-3.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Di-nara Safina, Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argen-tina, and Maria Vento-Kabohi (11), Venezue-is, Siniobu Asagoe, Japan, and Katarina Sre-botnik (14), Siovenia, def. Ruxandra Drago-mir Ille, Romania, and Maureen Drake, Cana-da, 6-4,3-6,7-5.

Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, and Andreae Vanc, Romania, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Llezel Huber (2), South Africa, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-3.

Roddick rides serve to straight-sets win

BY PAUL ALEXANDER The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia Andy Roddick kept the crowd buzzing with his aces, riding his big serve into the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Lleyton Hewitt and Juan Ignacio Chela also kept fans buzzing Saturday. Hewitt bellowed and gestured during his 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 6-4 victory in the third round and said Chela spit toward him during

"I was spitting, but not in Lley-ton's direction," Chela said. "It was a very tense moment in the match. There was a lot of pres-

a changeover.

An earlier jolt came courtesy of Nicolay Davydenko. 26th-seeded Russian upset Tim Henman 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. The seeded-seeded Englishman reached at least the quarterfinals in the last three Grand Slams.

Roddick dropped only seven points in his last 10 service games and finished with 22 aces to beat Austria's Jurgen Melzer 6-2, 6-2.

After beating three consecutive left-handers, next up for Roddick 102nd-ranked Kohlschreiber, a German with a

10-18 career record who won only one Grand Slam match before this tournament. Roddick, seeded third, started

his first service game with two aces. He soon was cracking serves at up to 139 mph. Melzer, seeded 32nd, had three break points in Roddick's next service game, then never got another

Hewitt clearly upset Chela as he served at 2-2 in the fourth set After Hewitt set up triple break point, he did one of his trademark while pointing his fingers at his fore-

Chela slammed a first serve that nearly hit Hewitt without



Hewitt fin-ished off the break, then appeared to curse at the 25th-seeded Argentine during the

Chela then spat, an ac tion captured by TV cameras and

photographers.

"He spat in my direction,"
Hewitt said. "I don't think it's the

right thing." "It's unfortunate because we're having a good dogfight match out there," he added. "He apologized there," he added. "He apologized to me at the net when we shook hands. I said, 'Just forget about it,

Chela said he didn't recall trying to hit Hewitt and didn't hear the Australian curse him.

mate

The International Tennis Feder ation said although no warning or code violation was given during the match by the chair umpire, tournament referee Peter Rella inger was told about what happened by both players. Bellinger and other tournament officials most likely will review tapes Sun-

French Open finalist Guillermo Coria beat former No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Women's French Open champion Anastasia Myskina joined Russia's two other Grand champs in the fourth round when Lisa Raymond withdrew with a torn abdominal muscle.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport beat 15-year-old Czech quali-fier Nicole Vaidisova 6-2, 6-4 to move into a fourth-round match against 13th-seeded Karolina Sprem, who ousted R Elena Likhovtseva 6-4, 6-3. who ousted Russia's

Sixth-seeded Elena Demen-tieva became the seventh Russian woman to advance, outlasting Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Texas making pitch for Delgado; A-Rod, Schilling still bickering

The Associated Press

With the chance to impress Carlos Delgado, Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks made an offer Friday that got the attention of the free-agent first baseman.

"Tom Hicks said that he was going to come to Puerto Rico and give it his best shot," Delgado's agent, David Sloane, said in an e-mail. "He did all that and Texas, competing with the New

York Mets, Florida and Baltimore, made progress during the four-hour session in Puerto Rico "I think they recognize it was a

very strong offer, I think they recognize we went certainly farther was more aggressive than anything we talked about before, Hicks said. "I think we made a very compelling offer." Hicks wouldn't go into details

about the offer. He expects Delgado will decide on the Rangers' offer by the end of the weekend.

Baseball roundup

Sloane said he expected to talk to Texas again this weekend "in an attempt to sustain the positive momentum we generated today

General manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter, who got contract extensions Friday, joined Hicks for the meeting. The group then returned to Texas. Hart and Showalter had also met with Delgado during the winter meetings last month.

Delgado would be an impressive addition to a youthful Texas lineup that includes All-Stars Alfonso Soriano, Michael Young and Hank Blalock and switch-hitting slugger Mark Teixeira, like Delgado a first baseman.

A former Rangers star. Alex Rodriguez, also made news Friday, taking a shot at Boston's Curt Schilling as the never-ending Yanthe dead of winter. "I just hope he continues to talk

about me and my teammates," the New York Yankees third baseman said. "It's going to give us great motivation to beat him up in the future " Schilling

called 'bush-league play" after Rodriguez was called out for interference in Game 6 of the AL champion ship series last October. A-Rod, trying to heat out an infield drib. bler, slapped the ball away from nitcher Bronson Arrovo near first

"To me it was just odd, because I mean we beat him a couple of times during the year and he was crying on the bench," Rodriguez said, referring to Schilling. "And then he lost Game 1 and he wouldn't talk or anything. And obviously, he wins Game 6 and then he's still talking until today. So it's just something we as players

something I'm not worried Schilling, reached on a cell

phone Friday, said Rodriguez had his facts wrong. "It's not true. I talked after Game 1," Schilling said. "I don't

care what Alex says. When someone says that, you consider the source

He also denied shedding tears in the dugout. "I was unset but I wasn't cry-

ing on the bench." Schilling said. Also, Chicago Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry hopes the team and Sammy Sosa can patch up their differences once spring training begins next month. Sosa left the clubhouse early without permission before last season's final game, disappointing teammates and drawing a fine from the team.

"He did a wrongful thing the last day of the season. He missed made some comments publicly about Dusty," Hendry said Friday, referring to manager Dusty

"Really there is no reason once camp starts and Sammy comes out with a good effort and we get off to a good start, there is no reason the story should continue," Hendry said. "Professional athletes are like the rest of us, we all make mistakes and we live in a forgiving society. If handled the right way, with the right amount of contrition, you can put it behind you." Also, outfielder Casev Blake

agreed to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract with Cleveland, leaving 34 players in salary arbitration.

Among free agents, Steve Reed agreed to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract with Baltimore, and knuckleballer Sparks agreed to a minor league contract with San Diego that would pay him \$550,000 if he makes the big league roster.

Kinnick wrestlers staying competitive

Red Devils bested by St. Mary's again but finish second in ASIJ meet

TOKYO - After two straight Department of Defense Dependents Schools tournament titles and four straight dual-meet victories, the road to Japan wrestling supremacy got a bit tougher in the past week for Nile C. Kinnick.

Seniors Adam Krievs (180), Yamato Cibulka (158) and defend-ing Far East tournament weight-class champion Joey Wood (168) each won golds, but Kinnick finished second, 16 points behind St. Mary's Internain Saturday's American tional, School In Japan Invitational

It was the first tournament in Japan combining DODDS and international schools in more than a month and came three days after Kinnick's four dual-meet win streak was snapped by St. Mary's.

Still, coach Robby Rhinehart was pleased with his team's performance

"I was impressed with my guys, to come out still not too far behind St. Mary's," Rhinehart said. "We had a couple of guys step up and perform."

One of them, Cibulka, survived in overtime 5-4 against St. Mary's Sonny Libero. Trailing 4-2, Cibulka scored a two-point tilt with four seconds left in regulation, then got a takedown to win the bout and the weight class

Wood had his hands full as well against St. Mary's International's Pavel Kachailov, who dropped from his regular 180-pound division to face Wood. Kachailov fell 5-1 to Wood in the gold-medal bout.

The ASIJ tournament gave Rhinehart and the Red Devils a look at their opposition in two up coming major tournaments, the Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Kubasaki's Cameron Daugherty, right, briefly gets the upper hand on Japanese wrestler Masatura Sesoko during Saturday's 110-pound final in the Kubasaki High School Wrestling Invitational at Camp Foster, Okinawa, but was pinned by Sesoko in 2 minutes, 26 seconds.

Far East" on Feb. 5 at Yokosuka Naval Base and the DODDS-Pacific season-ending tournament Feb. 17-19 at Yokota Air Base.

Yamato and Sonny could meet in the (Kinnick) finals," Rhinehart said, adding that St. Mary's two-time Far East champion Mark Striegl "looks unstoppable"

Wood and Zama American's defending Far East heavyweight champion David Burnett also look good, while Christian Acade my In Japan, with defending Far East champions Yoshiya Morita (115) and Jordan Foxwell (122), "doesn't have a lot of kids, but the ones they have are good," Rhinehart said

A sleeper at 129 could be Louie Lee of Robert D. Edgren, who's unbeaten in the four in-season tournaments

"He's quietly putting together a phenomenal season. He's a good kid and a great athlete," Rhinehart said of Lee who rallied to nin Shaun Schuster of St. Mary's in

All in all, the ASIJ tournament was a good test for us," Rhinehart said, adding, however, that after three straight weeks of tournaments, including lengthy travel to Edgren at Misawa and E.I. King at Sasebo Naval Base, think we're all ready for a break."

Kubasaki's Courtney makes

adjustment to Pacific freestyle Rhinehart and Wood are in their second year with the Kinnick program, having made the adjustment a year ago to the international freestyle format used in the Pacific, unlike high school and college folkstyle rules that govern DODDS-Europe and stateside wrestling.

Among those making that adjustment this year is sonhomore Courtney of Okinawa's Kubasaki Dragons.

A four-year folkstyle veteran who wrestled at Colonial Force High in Stafford, Va., as a freshman. Courtney transferred to Okinawa, made the Kubasaki start ing lineup — and immediately no ticed the difference

"I prefer folkstyle," he said "I'm more used to it." Since the advent of DODDS-Pacific tournaments in 1976 Pacific high school wrestling has been

governed by freestyle rules. The officiating pool, composed predominantly of Japanese referees, is more used to freestyle international schools around the Pacific compete against local schools and clubs that wrestle freestyle

Finishing and scoring moves in folkstyle are mainly initiated on the mat. Wrestlers in control of their opponent are awarded riding time, while the opponent can score points for escaping and reversals. You're not penalized for exposing your shoulders to the mat if you're in control.

Freestyle incorporates throws and other standing moves, and there are more risks involved. A wrestler controlling his opponent can lose points by exposing his shoulders to the mat, and can his shoulders while trying scoring

moves such as the "gut wrench If there's no action in the referee's judgment in a 15-second span, the bout is stopped and wrestlers are brought back to their feet to resume.

"Freestyle is more on your feet," Kubasaki coach Terry Chumley said. "Folkstyle is mostly on the mat. I think freestyle is more exciting."

Courtney disagrees. "I'm more of a control wrestler, rather than throwing people. All I did in folkstyle was take him down, put my legs in and turn him. Here, I tried that and ninned myself in one

tournament. I've not used my legs

Wrestling Japanese, Marines helps Kubasaki grapplers

Courtney spoke during the ubasaki Invitational Tourna-Kubasaki ment on Saturday, one of six tournaments co-sponsored by Marine Corns Community Services and Kubasaki during the season. Going up against Marines and

invited Japanese prep and club wrestlers, Courtney has earned two silvers and one bronze medal in four such events

They help Kubasaki prepare for higher competition, such as the Kinnick Invitational and the DODDS-Pacific tournament Chumley said.

"You can't beat real matches as practice, no matter who it's against," she said.

Courtney compares the tournaments favorably with the tourna-ments that Colonial Forge would wrestle out of state against comnetitors in Pennsylvania. New Jersey, Delaware and elsewhere.

'Marines are good, (but they) don't always have time to practice, so their endurance might be down," he said. "Japanese are good. Not quite as good as I'd imagined them to be, but still good.

High-school students going up against adults raises the question of safety. Kadena High, Kubasaki's Okinawa Activities Council archrival, refuses to participate in such tournaments.

The Okinawa Athletic Officials Association referees do their part to reduce the risks, said Ariel Moreno, who's been an OAOA referee for 15 years.

You're going to have injuries at Far East tournaments, too," he said. "It's a coach's call whether he enters his team or not. But the only way it's dangerous is if the wrestler has no experience

Sooners top Red River rivals for ninth straight win

NORMAN, Okla. - Kevin Bookout had

18 points and 13 rebounds, Lawrence McK enzie scored 15 and No. 18 Oklahoma beat 15th-ranked Teyas 64-60 on Saturday for its ninth straight win. Oklahoma outmuscled

Top 25

the Longhorns, who were without leading scorer and rebounder P.J. Tucker, ruled academically ineligible earlier in the week

The Sooners, who trailed most of the game, got some breathing room after a wild three-point play by Bookout and a three-pointer by Drew Lavender in the final 2 minutes

Bookout beat a triple-team to score, was fouled on the play and made the free throw to give Oklahoma a 59-55 lead. After two free throws by Sydmill Harris, a guard who started in place of Tucker, the 5-foot-7 Lavender hit a three-pointer from the left wing to put Oklahoma up by five.

McKenzie hit two free throws with 7.7 seconds left to seal the win for Oklahoma (15-2, 4-0 Big 12). Taj Gray added 12 points for the Sooners before fouling out with 8:35

Gibson had 18 points to lead Texas (15-3,

3-2), which had beaten Oklahoma five consecutive times In other Top 25 games Saturday:

No. 5 Oklahoma St. 82. Baylor 53: At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham scored 24 points to help Oklahoma State rebound

from its loss to Texas. Freshman JamesOn Curry added 14 points, 10 in the final 2:16 to help the Cowhoys (14-2, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) win the first game on the newly named Eddie Sutton Court

Tim Bush led the Bears (9-6, 1-3) with 19 points and Tommy Swanson added 15.

No. 8 Kentucky 89, LSU 58: At Lexington, Ky., Patrick Sparks went 5-for-7 from three-point range and scored 15 points while Kelenna Azubuike added 16 points in the Wildcats' fourth straight victory

Kentucky (14-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) made a season-high 11 three-pointers in 20 attempts to win for the 14th time in 15 games against LSU (9-6, 2-2).

No. 23 Iowa 71, Purdue 57: At Iowa City, Iowa, Greg Brunner and Doug Thomas each scored 14 points to help Iowa bounce back from a loss to No. 1 Illinois. After a sluggish start, the Hawkeyes (14-4, 2-3 Big Ten) built an 18-point half-



Texas center Jason Klotz (21), back, pressures Oklahoma foward Taj Gray.

time lead and were never threatened in the second half.

Carl Landry led the Boilermakers (4-12. 0-6) with 16 points and eight rebounds, and David Teague chipped in 11 points, including three three-pointers.

No. 24 Wisconsin 72. Michigan 61: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Mike Wilkinson had 28 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and the Badgers (13-3, 4-1 Big Ten) opened the second half with an 11-2 run and pulled away for their eighth win in nine games.

Wisconsin's next game is against No. 1 IIlinois on Tuesday at home, where it has won 38 straight games — the longest home winning streak in Division I.

Daniel Horton scored 16 points for the Wolverines (12-7, 3-2) before suffering a leg injury with 1:55 left.

Reserve Kammron Taylor scored 13 for the Badgers, who had lost 19 of the past 20 games at Michigan, including all three under coach Bo Ryan

Charlotte 76, No. 25 Marquette 66: At Milwaukee, Eddie Basden scored 23 points and Brendan Plavich added 20 to help Charlotte improve to 7-1 on the road and win at Marquette for just the third time in 10 games

Curtis Withers had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the 49ers (13-3, 4-1 Conference USA), who rebounded from a loss to Cincinnati that snapped the team's nine-game winning streak

Marquette (14-4, 2-3) has lost three of its

Jayhawks rocked in Philly

No. 2 Kansas absorbs 21-point loss to Villanova

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Undefeated Kansas never stood a chance once Allen Ray, Curtis Sumpter and the rest of the spirited Villanova Wildcats got rolling.

Sumpter sank five three-pointers and scored 25 points, Ray made four threes and scored 27 and Villanova posted a stunning 83-62 victory over No. 2 Kansas

on Saturday "We had some tough breaks this season, but guys stuck with it every day," Sumpter said.

Only Illinois, Duke and Boston College remain among the undefeated teams in the Top 25. It was the Jayhawks' worst loss under second-year coach Bill Self and most lopsided defeat since they lost to Wake Forest by 31 on Dec.

"It had been coming," Self said. "We've been putting a lot of band aids on our deficiencies

The Javhawks (14-1) have hardly played like one of the best teams in the country with four of their past five games decided by six or fewer points

Kansas played fast and loose

with the ball with bad decisions and costly turnovers. Self benched his starters for one long stretch in the second half as the game turned into a blowout and the Wildcats pounced on every mistake with

one big shot after another. "Villanova exposed us." Self

It was the most important regular-season victory in coach Jay Wright's four seasons.

"I know the program's going in the right direction. I know we've got good guys, we've got good guys coming in, it's more for these kids," Wright said.

Villanova (10-4) had lost its past two games on free throws in the final seconds, but this one was never close. After holding a seven-point lead at halftime, the Wildcats went on a 15-2 run to onen the second half, gave up three points, then reeled off 16 straight points.

Sumpter and Ray were nearly unstoppable in the second half, helping the Wildcats to their biggest upset since beating No. 1 Connecticut in 1994.

Sumpter keved the first big run of the second half with seven

points, then Ray took over. Ray scored 11 straight on a jumper, three three-pointers and three free throws after he was fouled on a three-point attempt.

"I was kind of feeling it. Coach was going to me," Ray said. "My teammates had confidence in me and they were getting me the ball in the right places.

The Wildcats went 12-for-19 from three-point range and Sumpter and Ray combined to go 15-for-26 from the floor. The Wildcats shot 51 percent from the floor and were 15 of 16 from the free-throw line

"We didn't show much poise at all early in the second half, then it got out of kilter," Self said.

Kansas had six turnovers during Villanova's 15-2 run and 22 overall. Wayne Simien scored 15 points and J.R. Giddens and Sasha Kaun each had 11.

During one stretch, the Jayhawks had Jeff Hawkins, Kaun, Darnell Jackson, Nick Bahe and Michael Lee on the floor. Except for Lee, most of those players rarely play.

"[Coach] made it clear as far as

if guys didn't cut it out on the court, they're coming out right away," Simien said.



Villanova's Allan Ray, shooting over Kansas' Keith Langford, led all scorers with 27 points Saturday. He made nine of 16 field-goal attempts.

Williams, Wake come up big at Cincinnati

BY JOE KAY The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Eric Williams knew it would come down to him.

Wake Forest's versatile center was two inches taller than anyone on Cincinnati's front line. With that advantage in mind, the Demon Deacons planned to spread out, get him the ball and let him score

It only took a couple of shots for Williams to stop fretting.

The 6-foot-9 center scored a career-high 29 points, having his way with Cincinnati's front line and No. 3 Wake Forest never trailed in a 74-70 victory Saturday over the 20th-ranked Bearcats.

"I felt nervous," Williams said. "I knew the kind of players we were playing against today. They play so hard. I was putting a lot of pres sure on myself. I was telling myself I can't let the team down coming off a loss."

The Demon Deacons (16-2) rebounded from their overtime loss to Florida State by hitting their free throws down the stretch some thing they didn't do against the Seminoles.

Taron Downey missed a free throw with 4 seconds left against Florida State, ending Wake Forest's NCAA record of 50 consecutive free throws made and sending it to overtime He swished two free throws with 2 seconds left on Saturday to clinch the win, and Wake Forest made its last seven overall



Wake Forest's Fric Williams (31) exploited Cincinnati's smaller front line and scored a career-high 29 points on 13-of-18 shooting.

"We needed a game like this" coach Skin Prosser said.

The Bearcats (15-3) had their biggest weak-

nesses exposed as they lost at home to a ranked team for the second time in eight days. They also fell by three points against Louisville last Saturday. Neither 6-foot-7 Jason Maxiell nor 6-foot-6

Eric Hicks - the forwards who anchor Cincinnati's front line - could keep up with a taller player who shot over them once he got the ball.
"It was a gamble," Hicks said. "By the time
I got around him, he had it and would dunk."

Chris Paul added 21 points for Wake Forest, which improved to 5-1 against ranked teams this season. Paul made five of seven from behind the arc

Hicks had 18 points, two in the second half, to lead three Bearcats in double figures. An intriguing matchup of one of the nation's

top offenses against one of the toughest defenses turned on the Bearcats' inability to stop Williams. Wake Forest came in averaging 85.5 points per game and had scored 80 points in nine straight, its longest such streak since 10 in a row in 1976-77

Cincinnati went after the Demon Deacons with a physical man-to-man defense that holds opponents to 35.8 percent shooting. fourth-best in the nation. It swarmed Williams but couldn't keep him from getting the ball or going 13 of 18 from the field

"Eric was given the opportunity, and he played extremely well." Prosser said. "It's difficult to guard him with one guy when he gets the ball with both feet in [the lane].

Air Force prevails at BYU

The Associated Press

PROVO. Utah - Nick Welch scored 16 points to lead Air Force past Brigham Young 52-49 on

Saturday. Service cons **Academies**

The Fal-(12-6, 3-0 Mountain

West) have won six of seven, while the Cougars (6-13, 0-4) have lost five of six. The Falcons took a 48-47

lead they would not relinquish with 3:30 left when Welch made a three-pointer. The Cougars answered with a basket by Jimmy Balderson before Antoine Hood scored a layup after a steal by Matt McCraw. McCraw made two free throws with 11.6 seconds left.

In games Friday

Holy Cross 79, Navy 56: At Worcester, Mass., Pat Doherty scored a game-high 16 points, leading five Holy Cross players in double figures.

Corey Johnson led Navy (4-13, 0-4) with 13 points and George O'Garro added 10

Holy Cross (12-5, 3-1 Patriot) went on a 19-0 run to take a 26-11 lead with 9:22 left in the

American U. 72, Army 37: At West Point, N.Y., Steve Stoll led Army (2-14, 0-4 Patriot League) with 11 points, but the Black Knights scored just 12 points in the first half and shot 23.5 percent for the game. American is 10-6, 3-1.

Svracuse beats W.Va. to extend winning streak to 12 BY JOHN KEKIS and a home triumph over George

The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Hakim Warrick had 22 points and 13 rebounds, Gerry McNamara scored 18 points and Billy Edelin added a season-high 12 to lead No. 7 Syracuse past West Virginia 72-64 on

It was the 12th straight win for

Syracuse (19-1, 6-0 Big East), which equaled its best record after 20 games. The Orange, who lost this season to Oklahoma State in New York City on Dec. 4, were 19-1 in the 1998-99 and 1979-80

Patrick Beilein led the Mountaineers with 17 points, and Mike Gansey, Tyrone Sally and D'or Edelin held scoreless in 21 min.

utes the previous two games, had a season-high seven assists, and the Orange were 16-for-18 from the free-throw line

West Virginia (11-5, 1-4) won its first 10 games this year, including road wins at LSU and then-No. 15 North Carolina State

Washington, But the Mountaineers have run into a roadblock in the Big East, losing by 38 at Villanova and dropping consecutive home games to Boston College and Notre Dame

McNamara's fourth three-pointer of the second half gave the Orange a 63-50 lead with 6:53 left.

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The Mets' Omar Minava, the first Hispanic general manager in Major League Rasehall, has signed the two biggest names on the free-agent market this winter — pitcher Pedro Martinez (top right) and center fielder Carlos Beltran (bottom right). He is pursuing slugger Carlos Delgado. Minaya's charm, personal touch and understanding of Latino culture has been an attraction for Hispanic players.

Minaya's touch a big hit with Latino free agents

By RICARDO ZUNIGA The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -Omar Minaya takes the podium, speaks a few words in English,

then stops. "Since we are in Puerto Rico," he said, "I think we should do this

in Spanish With charm and a personal touch, the new Mets general man-

ager convinced Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran to sign with New York's No. 2 team, rapidly remaking their image as "Los Mets." Born in the Dominican Republic and the first Hispanic GM in

the major leagues, Minaya figured money alone wouldn't get the deals done with arguably the highest-profile pitcher and position player in the free-agent market. He knew language, family val-

ues and respect would be important factors, too, with his fellow Hispanics. So Minaya decided to visit Mar-

tinez in the Dominican Republic on Thanksgiving and see Beltran in Puerto Rico earlier this month.

"The intuition of me under-

standing the culture led me to our strategy (which) was one of 'Let's go one step further, let's go there,' " Minaya said last week in San Juan.

Minaya met with Carlos Delgado twice last week in Puerto Rico. honing to lure him to what Beltran christened the "new Mets.

Quick work so far by Minaya who was the Montreal Expos' GM until being hired by the Mets in the final week of last season. He now is in charge of reviving a team that went 71-91 for its third

straight losing year. In Minaya, 46, the Mets got someone with his own distinctive style.

During his scouting days with the Texas Rangers, he helped sign Sammy Sosa and Juan Gonzalez. To make ends meet on his climb up in baseball, he worked all over New York, including a stint selling perfume at the Bloomingdale's counter.

"I used to do all kinds of side between working in the meat district to doing modeling, Minaya said. "I really liked being

A foreign flavor

The New York Mets are trying to become a destination for more Latin American stars.



25 may be active

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in the meatpacking district. We worked hard. We packed the meat, then went all over deliver-

ing it There's no doubt he's doing well now. Last week, he had din ner at the White House with his old boss with the Rangers - President Bush

"The fact that I'm in New York. the fact that I was raised right next to Shea Stadium, the fact that I come from immigrant parents, sometimes you step back and say, 'How did you get here?' ' he said

Minaya was born in Valverde, a small town in the Dominican Republic. His parents moved to New York when he was 8 and settled in Queens, a 10-minute drive from Shea Stadium. His father worked on the Brooklyn docks and his mother in a factory.

Minava says he is embarrassed by the attention and repeatedly cites his staff: Tony Bernazard, Jim Duquette and John Ricco.

"These guys are really the guys who do most of the work and should get most of the credit," he

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